

Q: What does it mean to be a "host" or "candy give her outter?" Sounds burdensome as F.

A: It's easy peasy. You sign up on the google form for a minimum of two hours during the period of 4 to 8 pm, although we LOVE when you do it the whole time! We need hosts who either live in Vinohrady/Zizkov or are willing to give out candy in a designated spot in a park or along the route.

To give out candy and collect for charity (see more info below about the charity), you have one bag/bucket/bowl with candy and the other for donations. When people ring your bell (they will have an electronic map that tells them where to go), you can either be behind your door, in front of your house or in your apartment. You can come outside or have the kids come upstairs to you. (Warn the neighbors about the noise by printing out our handy flyer posted on this FB page). Each child or child minder should donate 10kc per trick or treat, minimum. Hold out the donation bowl first and then explain that the money goes to kids who don't have enough money for food, clothing, or whatever you want to say! Then each child can choose a piece of candy. I tend to throw it out into their hand so they don't put their hands in and germ up all the candy. Within two weeks of the event, you will receive an email explaining where to drop off the money you collected. We will let you know how much you raised!

Q: What's a trick or treat map?

A: To get the map to go trick or treating in Vinohrady and Zizkov on Oct. 31, from 4 pm to 8 pm, you must sign up at <https://forms.gle/s7ibYn1nj83eKoxK7>

You will get the map shortly before Halloween by email, so check your spam!

(When you get the map, you click on the vampires, stops come up. If you click on the stops, you will get doorbell information and the time that the host is open. Please do not ring people's doorbells unless they are open during the time you arrive! You will note that most stops are not open for the full duration of the event. So plan carefully! There are usually about 30 stops. But it is very rare for a child to hit them all!)

Q: What else do I need to trick or treat besides the map?

VERY IMPORTANT QUESTION!

A: You need change! Lots of it! You need to donate AT LEAST 10kc for every child at every stop. So if you go to ten stops and you have two children, that's 20kc per stop. Hosts will not make change. Please have coin change with you! Feel free to donate more than 10kc!

Also, please please carry extra candy with you! This is a record turn out of trick or treaters and we don't want the hosts to run out of candy! So let's all share the love and the burden and you can throw in some extra candy in hosts' buckets/bowls if you see they are running low!

Q: I have never done this before. How many stops do you think I should prepare to go to?

A: It depends typically on the age of the child. My sons usually could not do more than 10 stops or 3 hours from the age of 4-8. Every child is different. This is a lot of excitement and walking around:).

Q: Are we all going in one big group? I don't know where to start and finish? And who do I go around with?

A: You can start anywhere you want and finish anywhere! We encourage you to go only with children/parents you already interact with on a regular basis so as to limit potential Covid exposure. Keep groups to no more than 10 people, including parents. Many families just go out on their own, with one child and one parent, and that's just lovely!

Q: How do I keep up with any changes in this event and connect with other hosts and trick or treat families?

A: To keep up on our wonderful event, and why we are doing this, please do join the Facebook event, Prague Halloween Trick or Treat for Charity, at

<https://www.facebook.com/events/411471991172127?ref=newsfeed>

If you are not on Facebook, please have your friend/enemy/spouse/secret partner join because this is where you will really get an understanding of how our event helps foster children.

Q: Can more hosts or trick or treaters be added to the list?

A: Registration for hosts closes Oct. 27 for hosts and Oct. 29 for trick or treaters. Those who want to trick or treat or host but did not register on the google form should get in touch with me on Facebook messenger, email at praguehalloween@gmail.com or phone, 777804758.

Q: What should hosts stationed in parks do?

A: Dress warmly. The point under your name on the map is a general guide in order to space the stops out a bit, but feel free to set up at a nearby bench or under a street lamp if it's after dark.

Q: How many trick or treaters will there be?

A: Last year we had about 600 trick or treaters, minimum.

Q: But my neighbors won't understand.

A: We will have a poster in Czech and English about the event. Print it out and put it on your building bulletin board! Also below are links in Czech to articles previously written about the event. It's my experience that once people find out this is for a Czech children's charity, they love it! The police and the Prague 3 authorities have been notified that this event is going on!

Q: What is this charity you speak of?!

A: We are collecting money for SOS Children's Villages, which helps Czech children with no parents, or whose parents cannot take care of them, escape orphanages and live with foster families in well-equipped villages. For more information, see: <http://www.sos-vesnický.cz/.../sos-children-s.../chvalcov/>

If you have extra candy left, you can donate it after the event and they will donate that to parties for the kids, such as Mikuláš!

Q: Anything else important?

A: Take photos and post them on the FB event page!