

**West Vincent Township
Park and Recreation
Scarecrow Contest
RULES AND REGULATIONS**

ELIGIBILITY:

The Scarecrow Contest is open to all ages, individuals, families, clubs, groups and Businesses. Each person, family or group may only enter one time. Scarecrows can be made at home and brought to the park or you may assemble at the park with materials brought from home or supplied by the Parks and Recreation Committee (materials provided include: old clothing, straw for stuffing, Cross bars for mounting)

CATEGORIES:

Bring your own – Pre-assembled or assembled on site

- ❖ **Traditional:** - Most likely to scare a crow. Typical farm and garden scarecrows made from cast-off clothing, burlap, gunny sacks, jeans, overalls, straw hats, aprons, bonnets, corn shocks, raffia, straw etc.
- ❖ **Whimsical:** Including: fairytale, Humorous, fantasy, celebrity etc. - Design a scarecrow depicting your favorite fairytale, storybook, animal or fantasy figure and let your imagination run wild. Use of bright colors or unique materials is encouraged.

Divisions:

- ❖ **Adult** – This division is open to anyone over the age of 16. Groups of adults may collaborate or enter together as one entry. Scarecrows may be either Traditional or Whimsical.
- ❖ **Youth** — This division is open to children under age 16. An adult may assist younger children, but the majority of work must be completed by a child (children). Groups of children may collaborate and enter together as one entry. Scarecrows may be either traditional or Whimsical
- ❖ **Business** – This division is open to any Business, Organization (non-profit, for profit) or Club. Advertisement signs with name and logo not to exceed 11 x 17 inches are permitted.

Entry Fee: FREE! There is NO COST to enter the contest

Scarecrow Timing:
Registration – 2 p.m.
Scarecrow installation - 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Judging – 3:30 – 4:00 p.m.
Awards - 4:30
Dismantle – 5:00 pm

Entry Rules and Regulations:

1. Complete Registration form - Pre-registration is recommended by October 17, 2018, however walk-ins are welcome. Pre-registration will guarantee you a spot for your scarecrow and will help us to provide enough supplies for mounting, stuffing and creating scarecrows.
2. You are welcome to provide prop's for your scarecrow such as additional straw bales, corn shocks, chairs etc. Scarecrow and props must fit into a 6x6 foot area.
3. If you will be using supplies provided, and want your scarecrow to have a face/head, you must supply your own. Suggestions for scarecrow head materials include: old milk jugs, flower pots, gourds, wood, basketballs, plastic pumpkins, stuffed pillowcases or burlap. Facial expression of the scarecrow is important and is typically the first

thing a viewer notices. NO COMMERCIAL MASKS or PLASTIC MASKS ARE ALLOWED. The face can be sad, cheerful, beautiful, ugly or angry. Hair can be made from a variety of material (not supplied) including yarn, pipe cleaner, shredded plastic, beads, moss, rope, raffia, a mop head or torn fabric.

4. All entries must be completed and ready for judging at 3:30.
5. Each registration will be assigned a number that must be displayed with your scarecrow.
6. The minimum size is 4' tall. Maximum height is 7th
7. You may remove your scarecrow at 5 p.m. on the day of the competition. We encourage you to re-install your scarecrow at your home for Halloween.
8. Judging: Visitors of the Fall Festival will be voting to decide which scarecrow is best in each category. Guests may pick up voting chips at the registration table. Feel free to encourage friends and family to attend the Festival to vote for your entry.
9. Please keep in mind this is a Family Friendly event. Scarecrows reflecting controversial, social, religious or political opinions or statements will not be accepted. The Festival Committee reserves the right to remove any scarecrow that it deems offensive or inappropriate.

PRE-REGISTRATION:

In order to assure space and materials for your scarecrow, please register by October 17, 2018 by completing the form below and either e-mail to Maria.jacobs1022@gmail.com or drop at Township building. One form for each entry please.

Name: _____

Business or Organization (if applicable) _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Division: (please check one)

Adult _____ Youth _____ Business or Organization _____

Category: (please check one)

Traditional _____ Whimsical _____