

DEPARTMENT 14-03

Wayne County Fair Scare Crow Contest

Scare Crow Trail throughout the Fairgrounds - All Week of the Fair

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Registration: Pre Fair by Friday, August 11th, 2023

ELIGIBILITY: 1st Wayne County Fair Scarecrow Contest is open to all ages, individuals, families, clubs, and groups. Each person, family or group may only enter one time. No Cost to Enter....

This year's Fair Theme is:

“Celebrating Wayne County’s Bicentennial”

CATEGORIES:

1. **Traditional** – Most Likely to Scare a Crow. Typical Farm & Garden Scarecrows made from cast-off clothing, burlap, gunny sacks, jeans, overalls, straw hats, aprons, bonnets, corn shocks, raffia, straw, etc.
2. **Youth** – This division is open to children under age 14. An adult may assist younger children, but the ma

AWARDS: 1st \$100.00

2nd \$75.00

3rd \$50.00 (Youth Category will only compete against youth entries only with its own set of awards)

CONSTRUCTION:

Scarecrows must be durable and able to stand up to sun, wind and very likely rain showers. Use care in selecting your materials. All decorations must be firmly attached to your scarecrow. We recommend a 2 x 4 piece of lumber for the central body. A broomstick or 2 x 4 is recommended for the arms. We will supply a 4 to 5 foot tall steel T-post already placed into the ground. You will need to bring rope or wire to attach your scarecrow to the post. Feel free to bring additional props like straw bales, corn shocks, etc. Scarecrows and props must fit into a 5 x 5 foot area. If you choose to bring fresh vegetables or fruits (like pumpkins) they must be whole and not punctured or carved, to ensure they last through the duration of the Wayne County Fair. You are welcome to visit your scarecrow and keep it in good presentable condition. We reserve the right to remove any entries that do not maintain their ability to be displayed. All entries must be hand-made. No commercial costumes, rubber masks, plastic masks etc. will be allowed. **Electricity will NOT be provided.** Only solar or wind power for moving parts may be used. As part of your display, be sure to make a sign with: the name of your entry, and your name, group, or service club name. (This will help your friends and family find your entry when voting. Your sign should be no larger than 11 x 17 inches. No advertising or political statements are allowed. The scarecrow contest exhibits are Family Friendly. Scarecrows should be whimsical, humorous, mischievous or lovable - **NOT frightening** or **NO Profanity.** Monsters, gruesome, bloody or especially scary entries will be disqualified. ~ **The Wayne County Fair reserves the right to disqualify entries they feel to be distasteful or Not Family Friendly~**

SIZE:

The minimal size is 4 feet tall. The maximum height is 7 feet. Scarecrows and props must fit in a 5 x 5 foot area.

DROP OFF & SET UP:

You may bring and set up your scarecrow entry any time between 9:00am and 5:00pm on Friday, Saturday or Sunday August 12-13 2023. All entries MUST be in place by Monday at 2:00 pm. You need to check in at the at the Main Office to sign in and obtain your Number and Scarecrow placement. DURATION: All entries will remain on display to the public from Monday, August 14th from 2pm to Sunday, August 20, 2023. The Removal of all scarecrows must be completed by on Sunday, August 20, 2023 by 3 pm.

JUDGING:

Visitors to the Wayne County Fair will be voting daily (starting on Monday after 2pm) to decide which scarecrow is the best. Fair Goers may pick up a ballot at the Announcers Stand at the South End of Floral Hall. Each scarecrow will be numbered. Guests will write down the number of their favorite scarecrow and place it in the ballot box. Feel free to encourage friends and family to visit The Wayne County Fair to vote for your entry. There will also be a separate judge panel that will vote as well. Both will be used to determine the winners.

AWARDS PRESENTATION:

Winners will be announced Friday, August 12th at Noon & Posted at the Welcome Center. Winners can pick up their award at the Secretary's Office Friday, August 18th after 4pm through Sunday the 20th Ribbons will be placed directly on your scarecrow for everyone to see.

PICK-UP & REMOVAL:

All scarecrows must be picked up and removed from the fairgrounds on Sunday, August 20, 2023 by 3pm.

2023 Wayne County Fair Scare Crow Contest Form**Name/ Group Name:** _____**Number of Participants per entry:** _____**Address:** _____**Category (circle one):** Traditional - Youth**E-Mail of Primary Contact:** _____**Phone Number of Primary Contact:** _____**Please send your entry to:**

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