

Sharps Chapel Scarecrow Contest Guidelines

Planning is key:

Scarecrows have been made using toys, tools, plastic bags, containers, clothes and uniforms, trees and leaves and broken bits of just about anything for many generations! You can use your imagination to create a beautiful, funny, artistic or traditional Scarecrow!! Just remember to have fun while you are doing it! After that, your imagination is your limit.

Get your ideas then build from there. You will need a sturdy frame to construct the body, stuffing for the body, and clothes and other materials to decorate. You can also use chicken wire for a more constructed and sophisticated shape or design!! Props need to be kept to a minimum please. (example: stuffed animals or small instruments or toys are acceptable to place beside your Scarecrow.)

Entry Conditions and Rules:

1. The contest will consist of three (3) group categories.
 - a. kids twelve (12) and under.
 - b. individuals twelve (12) and up.
 - c. groups/families/organizations.
2. ANYONE FROM ANYWHERE IS WELCOME TO ENTER!!
3. All registration forms must be turned in by **Sunday, September 15, 2024**.
4. The contest is open to school and church groups, organizations, businesses, families, and individuals.
5. **We shall provide sturdy, metal fence posts to attach your Scarecrow to, if your Scarecrow is not free standing.**
6. Volunteers will be available to help participants securing Scarecrow.
7. Please NO perishable goods in construction of Scarecrows, it will probably be a hot day and flies or smells would be an unwelcome addition.

Installation and Removal of Scarecrows:

Setup:

1. Official entrants are responsible for the installation with help of our volunteers:
 - a. **Friday, September 27th** between 6pm-9pm (we will have security overnight the night before to assure no harm will be done towards our tents, equipment, and contest entries.)

OR

- b. No later than 12pm **Saturday, September 28th (day of festival.)**
- *If you have any questions about set up, please contact Amanda Simpson at SharpsChapelScarecrowContest@gmail.com about accommodations.*

Take-Down:

1. All Scarecrows must be removed by **Sunday, September 29th** by 12pm (noon).
2. If you would like to donate your Scarecrow to next year's festival, please let us know at the festival.

Judging Information:

1. Each Scarecrow will have an identification sign in front of them as well as a small donation box.
2. Every \$1 raised in each participant's Scarecrow box, will be counted as a vote. We will be taking the donated "votes" and gifting the total raised to the Union County American Legion Post 0212 to help raise funds for our county's honored Vets who have selflessly served our country.

Winner's and Prizes:

1. Each of the three (3) groups will have a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winner.
 - a. 1st place of each category will receive a \$50 Amazon gift card and a plaque and ribbon for their creation.
 - b. 2nd place will receive acknowledgement and ribbon for their

creation.

- c. 3rd place will receive acknowledgement and ribbon for their creation.
2. Judging will happen on the day of festival, voting/donations will end and be tallied at 6pm in order for votes to be counted and winners will be announced on stage before the firework show.

Registration Entry Form:

- Name of Individual/Group:
- Name of Submitter:
- Email address:
- Telephone Number:
- Name/Description of Scarecrow: