

2014 SCARECROW CONTEST



DO YOU HAVE THE RIGHT STUFF?

ENTER OUR 2014 SCARECROW CONTEST

Celebrate the season by participating in the 3rd Annual Farm Park Scarecrow Contest. Family-friendly scarecrows are welcome to visit the Farm Park again this fall. The rules are simple so don't miss out. The contest is open to all ages, individuals, families, groups and businesses. Only one entry per person, family or group is allowed. Forty entries will be accepted on a first come, first served basis, October 1 through 24. Official rules and entry forms can be found at thefarmpark.org or at the Parks and Recreation Office, 2276 West Street.



Farm Park 2014 Scarecrow Contest Entry Form:

Go to <http://www.germantown-tn.gov> and enter online, or complete the form below. See back for rules and details.

Group Name or Individual Name _____

If Group, Group Leader Contact _____

Contact E-Mail _____

Mailing Address _____

Contact Phone _____

Group Leader or Individual Signature** _____ Date _____

Please return form to:

Bobby Lanier Farm Park • City of Germantown, Parks and Recreation
2276 West St. • Germantown, TN 38138
jroberts@germantown-tn.gov • 901.757.7378

** Please note: Signature indicates an agreement to participate in the exhibit, and adhere to terms and conditions as outlined by City of Germantown, Bobby Lanier Farm Park.

Sign Waiver: I assume all risks and hazards incidental to the conduct of the activities and transportation to and from the activities. I do further hereby release, absolve, indemnity and hold harmless the Germantown Parks and Recreation Department, the organizers, the sponsors, the supervisors, the instructors, and/or all of them. In case of injury or sickness during any activity, I likewise waive all claims against the organizers, the sponsors or any supervisors or instructors appointed by them. I give permission for myself, my group, and/or my child to be photographed while participating in the activity and for such photographs to be publicized in local newspapers and/or City Publications.

Information and Rules:

Eligibility: The 2014 Bobby Lanier Farm Park Scarecrow Contest is open to all ages, individuals, families and groups (nonprofits, schools, clubs, classrooms, troops, etc.) & businesses. Each person, family or group may only enter one time. Entries will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. Space is limited to 40 entries.

ENTRY DUE DATE: Entries will be accepted Wednesday, October 1 through Friday, October 24, 2014 on a first come, first served basis until all 40 spaces are filled. Entry Forms can be completed online or submitted to the Parks and Recreation Office, 2276 West St., Germantown, TN 38138

Categories: Prizes will be awarded for a group winner and an individual winner of the following categories: Most Traditional, "Greenest" Scarecrow, Best Celebrity Look A-Like, Most Creative and Best of Show.

Construction: Scarecrows must be durable and able to withstand sun, wind and rain. Scarecrow materials must be enviro-friendly (recyclable or biodegradable) and all entries must be hand-made. Commercial costumes, rubber masks, plastic masks, etc. will not be allowed. Electricity will NOT be provided; only solar or wind-power for moving parts may be used. We recommend a 2x4 piece of lumber for the central body. A broomstick or 2x4 is recommended for the arms. We will supply a 4-to-5 foot post already placed into the ground for installation. You will need to bring rope or wire to attach your scarecrow to the post. If you choose to use fresh vegetables or fruits, they must be whole and not punctured or carved in order to ensure they last through the duration of the contest. You are welcome to visit your scarecrow during regular Farm Park hours to keep it in good, presentable condition; however, you are not allowed to make changes to your scarecrow once it is placed on Farm Park property.

We reserve the right to remove any entries that do not maintain their ability to be displayed for whatever reason. The Farm Park is not responsible for loss or damage to entrant's scarecrow.

As part of your display, be sure to make a sign that includes: the name of your entry and your name, group, or service club name. Your sign should be no larger than 11x17 inches. No advertising, political statements, hand-outs, promotional items or free giveaways are allowed.

The scarecrow contest exhibit area is family friendly. Scarecrows may be whimsical, humorous, mischievous or lovable, but NOT frightening. Monsters, gruesome features, blood or especially scary entries will be disqualified. Bobby Lanier Farm Park reserves the right to disqualify entries they feel to be distasteful or not family friendly

Size: The minimum size is 4 feet tall. The maximum height is 6 feet tall. Scarecrows must fit in a 6 x 6 foot area.

Drop Off & Set Up: You may bring and set up your scarecrow entry any time between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. The Farm Park will determine the location of all scarecrows.

Duration: Entries will be on display to the public from Sunday, October 12, 2014 through Saturday, November 1, 2014.

Judging: Judging will begin on Sunday, October 26, 2014 at Noon and conclude on Sunday, October 26, 2014 at 3 p.m. Visitors to our farm will be voting daily to decide which scarecrow is the best. Guests may print a ballot online or pick up a ballot at the Parks and Recreation Office, 2276 West St. or at The Farm Park. Instructions for voting will be on the ballot. Each guest visiting the Farm Park may only vote one time per day. Feel free to encourage friends and family to visit our farm to vote for your entry. Judging ends at 3 p.m., Sunday, October 26.

Awards Presentation: Winners need not be present to win. Winners will be announced and prizes awarded at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 26, 2014, at the Farm. If you are not present to win an award, you will be notified to pick up your award from the Parks and Recreation Office, 2276 West Street. Ribbons will be placed on the winning entries and the scarecrows will remain on display for one week to allow the public a chance to view your hard work and contest results. The names of winners will be posted in the newspaper and online.

Pick-Up: Entries may be picked up on Friday, October 31 and Saturday, November 1 between 8 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Entries not picked up by their owners after November 3 will become property of the Farm Park.

Other: The Farm Park reserves the right to use photographs and names of the scarecrows for promotional purposes.

