



# Folklore & Funfest

## 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Scarecrow Contest

**Attention!** Individuals, Families and Organizations. Show your community spirit & help continue a Wood County Halloween tradition!

The Wood County Park District is pleased to announce its annual **Scarecrow Contest**. Originally created by farmers to scare crows and other birds out of crops, the scarecrow is now a symbol of the fall holiday spirit.



Register by  
**October 15<sup>th</sup>**  
(details on back)



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Entries will be judged on originality, design, color, creativity, and outdoor durability. All contestants are asked to adhere to the rules of the contest. For more information, please contact the Wood County Park District, 419-353-1897, or visit our website, [www.wcparks.org](http://www.wcparks.org).

## Official Rules and Regulations

- All entries must fit in a 4x4 foot square space and be no more than 7 feet in height.
- All entries must be named. The name of the scarecrow's builder will be displayed after judging. Do not attach the name of the builder to the scarecrow. We will provide a stake with the scarecrow's name. The builder's name will be added after judging.
- Scarecrows must be free standing or have a vertical support in the body to enable the scarecrow to be wired to a steel fence post for display.
- Rubber, plastic, or store-bought masks are not permitted.
- No sharp objects such as real pitchforks, knives or hooks, and no flammable objects such as tiki torches or gas-powered generators are allowed and will be viewed as grounds for disqualification.
- Human or mechanical scarecrows are not permitted.
- Scarecrows must be created in good taste and shall not reflect any social, political, religious, or controversial themes and be made with a family-oriented theme in mind; no overly scary entries will be permitted.
- All ornamentation must be firmly attached because all entries will be displayed outside.
- The Wood County Park District retains the right to refuse any contest entry and to promote or photograph any entry.
- Employees and family members of the Wood County Park District and Wood County Historical Center are not eligible for prizes.

- Deadline to enter contest: Monday, October 15, 2018, unless you are building your scarecrow at the Workshop on October 16. E-mail entry information to [cspicer@wcparks.org](mailto:cspicer@wcparks.org) or mail your entry form to Park District Headquarters, 18729 Mercer Road, Bowling Green, OH 43402 by 4:30 p.m.
- Delivery, Set up, & Workshop: on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 5:00-7:30pm
- Deliver entries to the Wood County Historical Center on County Home Road south of Bowling Green. Free coffee from Grounds for Thought is available at the Workshop while supplies last. Entries will be on display October 16-November 1 at the Historical Center. Prizes will be awarded at the Halloween Folklore & Funfest on Saturday, October 20 at 7:00 p.m. at the Wood County Historical Center.
- Pick up your scarecrows starting Thursday, November 1, 2018. Pick-up DEADLINE Sunday, November 4 by end of day, or they become property of the Wood County Park District. If you are planning to donate your scarecrow materials, please use Goodwill or similar organizations.

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### Scarecrow Entry Form

Family/Group/Creator name \_\_\_\_\_

Enter my Scarecrow in the 16 years and under contest:    Yes    No (circle one)

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Scarecrow's Name \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the rules of the Wood County Park District Folklore & Funfest Scarecrow Contest and agree to the conditions assigned therein. I understand that failure to comply with these rules will result in disqualification and dismissal of my entry.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

For official use only: Entry Number \_\_\_\_\_ Judges Scores \_\_\_\_\_