

LJWC Scarecrow Trail Guidelines & Entry Rules:

- Any organization, non-profit, individual, family, school, or business is welcome to participate. Entries must be original and not pre-made.
- Three top winners will be chosen by popular vote from the public. Each entry must include a scarecrow & scarecrow name.
- All scarecrow frames will be provided by The Lemont Township and will be capable of supporting the scarecrow in a freestanding or seated manner.
- The Lemont Township reserves the right to remove any scarecrow that deteriorates to an unacceptable level during the month. Please make your submission as weather-proof and indestructible as possible!
- The Lemont Township is not responsible for loss or damage to scarecrows while on display or in the drop-off/pick-up areas. Please do not use valuable materials/objects as the scarecrows will not be monitored.
- The Lemont Township will install and provide identifying signage (yard signs) for your scarecrow.
- Do not include live plant material, mulch, Tiki torches, flammable objects or gas/electric powered generators with your entries.
- No handouts, promotional material or free giveaways can be associated with your entry.
- The Lemont Township & The Lemont Junior Woman's Club reserves the right to use photographs, organization names, contact names, and scarecrow names for publicity purposes.
- Entries must be suitable for viewing by small children. Entries that are controversial, commercial, political or graphic (sexual/gory/scary) in nature will not be accepted.

Tips for Making Scarecrows:

- Scarecrows will be subject to the weather for one month so they need to be constructed with weather-resistant materials and Scotchgarded. Use clothing that does not fade easily, such as nylon or polyester.
- Stuffing can be anything, but plastic bags work best. Newspaper or water-soluble peanuts will not hold up to weather. Newspaper can be placed inside plastic bags for stuffing.
- There should be no loose items on your scarecrow as they stay out in the Sanctuary. Secure all items by sewing, nailing, or using waterproof adhesive. Sewing is best, but large safety pins or staples will work. Remember the wind will blow anything not properly secured.
- There should be no loose accessories to be placed near or around your scarecrow. Everything must be attached to your scarecrow.
- Clear tape will not hold up to weather, but colored electrical tape works well.
- Avoid using food or other substances that may attract wildlife.
- Facial expression is the first thing a viewer will notice. Suggested head options include an old milk jug, gourd, pot, wood, ball, pillowcase, or burlap bag (with painted or sewed on face).
- Ideas for hair: yarn, broom, corn, shredded plastic, moss, raffia, or old mop head.
- Clothing is usually the easiest part. Check out thrift stores for colorful, cheap clothing, and accessories.
- Gloves can be used for hands and stuffed, then covered in electrical tape to help them hold up to weather. If using gloves, avoid latex as they quickly disintegrate outdoors.
- Spray all clothing, inside and out, with Scotchguard to prevent mildew. Paper mache, even with Scotchguard, will not withstand the weather.

Examples of Past Scarecrow Entries:





SCARECROW
Beast
created by
The Forge
TO CAST YOUR
VOICE SCAN THE
QR CODE

