

**DeKalb Park District**  
**Full Contest Rules for Scarecrow Showcase 2024**

**Scarecrow Contest Rules:**

- Scarecrows reflecting controversial, social, religious or political opinions or statements will not be accepted. The DeKalb Park District reserves the right to reject any scarecrows deemed inappropriate, offensive or commercially made and does not accept responsibility for loss or damage to any of the displays.
- Scarecrows should be a minimum of 4ft tall and a maximum of 6ft tall.
- All scarecrows must be homemade and decorated with recycled or upcycled materials.
  - You may use additional props for your scarecrow such as corn stalks, straw bales, a bench, bicycle, etc. as long as they remain within your designated site.
  - All decorations must be firmly attached to the scarecrow.
- Participants are responsible for the installation and securing of their scarecrow to the provided post.
  - It is suggested that participants regularly visit their Scarecrows for upkeep. Participants are responsible for keeping their scarecrows in good viewing condition during the contest.
  - The DeKalb Park District is not responsible for the maintenance of Scarecrows once they are installed.
- Scarecrows should be able to stand independently or upright while leaning against a post.
  - \*\* Tip: Use a broom handle for the interior body structure of your scarecrow.
- DeKalb Park District will provide 6' wide x 6' deep space for each entry and a post or T-Frame to attach the scarecrow to.
- Scarecrows must be able to withstand outdoor weather conditions.
- Scarecrows' entries must have a name or title.

**Who can participate?**

- Elementary – K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Youth – 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade

- Adult – 18 years +
- Family

**Timeline:**

- Registration deadline is October 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Registered participants will receive a detailed email with their designated installation spot on October 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Scarecrows may be brought to Hopkins Park and put on display starting on October 29<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm. Scarecrows must be installed before October 31<sup>st</sup> at 12:00pm.
  - Participants are responsible for the installation of their scarecrow.
- Scarecrows will be on display at Hopkins Park beginning October 31<sup>st</sup> at 2:00pm
  - The displays will be located down the main strip of Hopkins Park leading to the baseball fields (Waiting on confirmation of actual location)
- Scarecrows can be collected from Hopkins Park starting November 5<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm.
  - Any Scarecrows not collected by November 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm will be discarded.

**Judging:**

- Community and mobile voting open October 31<sup>st</sup>-November 1<sup>st</sup>
- On-site voting will be available during Pumpkin Smash 'N' Bash from 1:00pm-2:00pm on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Winners will be announced **at 3:00pm** on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Winners will be contacted via email if not present at the time of announcement.

**Prizes: Four categories, certificates for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place.**

- Gift card/prize basket for first place?

**How to Submit Your Entry:**

- Register online at [https://anc.apm.activecommunities.com/dekalbparkdistrict/activity/search?onlineSiteId=0&locale=en-US&activity\\_select\\_param=2&activity\\_keyword=Scarecrow&viewMode=list](https://anc.apm.activecommunities.com/dekalbparkdistrict/activity/search?onlineSiteId=0&locale=en-US&activity_select_param=2&activity_keyword=Scarecrow&viewMode=list)
- Register under the correct category

- Upon registration, you will be asked to give the name/title of your Scarecrow display.

### **Questions?**

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