

Lemont's Scarecrow Trail 2021



Theme: Frontline Workers

Registration Form (*Please print clearly*):

Contact Name _____

Organization/Business/Family Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Movie Character _____

The cost of the scarecrow is \$25 for families and organizations, and \$50 for businesses. If possible, please submit your registration form via [Google Forms](https://forms.gle/J9XF4nqfG2mecq3B6) or visit the webpage at <https://forms.gle/J9XF4nqfG2mecq3B6>. If not, please mail your registration form to: **LJWC, Attn: Scarecrow, P.O. Box 563, Lemont, IL 60439.**

Registration and fee must be received by **September 18, 2021.**

Payment Method for Entry Fee: Check _____ Cash _____ Chase QuickPay _____

- Checks payable to the Lemont Junior Woman's Club.
- Chase QuickPay can be sent to ljwctreasurer@gmail.com. In the MEMO line, please include the **business, family, or organization's name** and the word **Scarecrow**.

Cash prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.

Please contact Jennifer McCarty at ljwcommunityoutreach@gmail.com or (570) 885-1183 with any questions.

Lemont's Scarecrow Trail Contest

Theme: *FRONTLINE WORKERS*

Registration: Complete the attached application by September 18, 2021 and mail it to Lemont Junior Woman's Club (address listed on the application). If possible, please submit your registration form via [Google Forms](https://forms.gle/J9XF4nqfG2mecq3B6) or visit the webpage at <https://forms.gle/J9XF4nqfG2mecq3B6> .

Registration Fee: There is a \$25 entry fee for families and organizations, and \$50 entry fee for businesses due with the application.

Scarecrow Pick-Up: Six foot tall structure (in the shape of a cross) is provided to build your Scarecrow. You can pick-up your scarecrow frame at the Lemont Community Center at 16300 Alba Street on Saturday, September 18th, between 8 am and 11 am.

Scarecrow Drop Off: Scarecrows are due on Saturday, October 2nd, between 8:30 am and 10:30 am, to the Lemont Community Center at 16300 Alba Street.

The six-foot scarecrow will be placed over a post pre-staked in the Sanctuary. This makes installation of your scarecrow easier and provides support. A sign indicating your name will be provided and installed by The Lemont Township.

Scarecrows should be complete (or nearly finished) by installation day. You are welcome to stay in the Sanctuary as long as you need to complete your display. Please bring all tools and supplies needed for installation of your scarecrow. Scarecrow locations are not decided until installation day.

Voting/Awards: Community scarecrow voting starts October 3rd and runs through October 21st. Cash prizes will be awarded as follows: 1st place: \$125, 2nd place \$75, and 3rd place \$50. Winners will be contacted by October 22nd.

Scarecrow Removal: Scarecrows must be removed by November 4th or sadly, they will be discarded. Unfortunately, your scarecrow will not be in great shape after a month in the Sanctuary.

Thank you for supporting Lemont's Scarecrow Trail! Without your generous support this would not be possible.

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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 bases 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, provide identifying signage 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 Scotchgard to prevent mildew. Paper mache, even with Scotchgard will not withstand the weather.