

25th St. Charles Scarecrow Festival - Oct. 8-10, 2010

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Scarecrow Contest Entry Form - FREE to enter!

Over 100 hand-made Scarecrows on display for visitors to view & vote for their favorite entries in seven categories!

Attention Individuals, families, businesses, clubs and organizations

Be a part of our FREE, nationally recognized festival that draws 60,000+ visitors!

Contest is open to ALL! You do *not* have to reside in St. Charles

Businesses and Organizations - Let your scarecrow promote your business, a great team building project!

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Mechanical Category

1st Place \$400 • 2nd Place \$300 • 3rd Place \$200

Traditional & Whimsical Categories

1st Place \$350 • 2nd Place \$250 • 3rd Place \$150 • 4th Place \$100

St. Charles Business Category

1st Place • Free ½ page ad in Kane County Chronicle

Area Business Category

1st Place • Free ¼ page ad in Kane County Chronicle

Children's Clubs & Organizations Category

1st \$225 • 2nd \$175 • 3rd \$125 • 4th \$75 • 5th \$50 • 6th \$30

NEW! Family Category

1st \$100 • 2nd \$75 • 3rd \$50 • 4th \$25

How do I enter?

- Return this completed form by Thursday, Oct. 1st
- Mail or fax to:
St. Charles Convention & Visitors Bureau
311 N. Second St., St. Charles, IL 60174
Fax (630) 513-0566

What category do I enter?

See back page for all category descriptions

Mechanical Category

Open to ALL

Traditional Category

Open to ALL

Whimsical Category

Open to individuals, clubs & non-profits

St. Charles Business Category

Open to ALL for profit St. Charles Businesses

Area Business Category

Open to ALL for profit businesses out of St. Charles

Children's Clubs & Organizations Category

Open to Children's organizations 12 yrs & younger

NEW! Family Category

Open to individual Families with children twelve yrs & younger

Please print all information!

Business/Organization/Individual Name: _____

Contact person: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____ (to send Entry Receipt notification & check in information)

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

NEW for 2010! Due to the number of entries & space limitations the following dimensions will be reserved for your display. Sorry no exceptions!

All Categories (except Mechanical) will receive a 4' wide x 6' deep space. Mechanical Category (space not to exceed 8'x8').

IMPORTANT: For voting purposes and accuracy, please provide a NAME for your entry on this application or at check-in

Category: _____ Name of scarecrow: _____

Category: Mechanical Size: _____ (not to exceed 8x8). Name of scarecrow: _____

By signing this entry form, I hereby agree to the contest rules as listed on the back of this application. I release and hold harmless the St. Charles Visitors Bureau, its employees, officers & agents from any & all claims for loss, damage or injury incurred by Scarecrow Contest participants.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Important Information

Scarecrow contest category descriptions

1. **Mechanical** (ONLY category provided with electric) ▪ **Open to ALL!** Only category with moving parts. Electricity must be the ONLY means of mechanization. **Entrants supply a 50 ft. outdoor extension cord.**
2. **Traditional** ▪ **Open to ALL (13 yrs and older)** Display must have scarecrow(s) that resemble those found in fields & gardens for centuries and made of natural material.
3. **Whimsical** ▪ **Open to Individuals, Clubs & Non-profits. (ages 13 and over)** Whimsical characters, made of any material.
4. **St. Charles Business** ▪ **Open to “for-profit” businesses residing in St. Charles.** Display may reflect & promote your business.
5. **Area Business** ▪ **Open to “for-profit” businesses not located in St. Charles.** Display may reflect & promote your business.
6. **Children’s Clubs & Organizations Category** ▪ **Open to Children’s organizations 12 yrs & younger.**
7. **NEW! Children’s Family Category** ▪ **Open to individual families with children twelve yrs & younger.**

☺ Children’s Categories entries may be full of whimsy & made of any material, with minimal adult assistance.

Scarecrow Entries may include multiple scarecrows or whimsical characters along with “props” and decorations to reflect the theme of your display.

Contest Rules

General

- **NEW!** All entries (except Mechanical) will receive a **4’wide x 6’deep space. No exceptions!**
- Mechanical Category – **maximum space is 8’x8’.** Please identify required space on the contest form.
- **Please no hand-outs at your contest display!** Flyers are only given out at sponsor or vendor booths.
- All entries are to be displayed Friday thru Sunday.
- Security is provided from 9pm-7am Wednesday thru Sunday morning. No security Sunday night!!
- One entry per category per person, family, business, or organization.
- Entries in multiple categories are permitted.

Theme

- Scarecrow(s) for display may reflect a “special” theme and/or promote a business, organization or event.
- Scarecrows must be in good taste & constructed to withstand the weather.
- Scarecrows reflecting controversial, social, religious or political opinions or statements will **not** be accepted. The Visitors Bureau reserves the right to remove any scarecrow it deems inappropriate.

Design

- Scarecrow entries/designs must be NEW each year and weather proof.
- Review the rules of each category before submitting the entry form. The Visitors Bureau reserves the right to change the category if the scarecrow does not meet the criteria of submitted category.
- No items such as tiki torches or gas-powered generators allowed.
- All categories may display lights (powered by batteries only unless in Mechanical Category).
- **Mechanical Category entries are the ONLY entries that receive electricity!**

Signage

- **Signage** may be displayed to identify or promote your business, event or organization. Please use weather proof signs!

Check in & setup

- Check-in at tent in Lincoln Park (Main Street between 4th & 5th Streets). Provide your name, category and name of scarecrow.
- You will be given a sign for voting (ie: Children’s Category C-23) to display at your chosen location, in your category area.
- Place your sign in front of your entry for voting identification.
- Set-up is Wed., Oct. 6th (3-8) & Thursday, Oct. 7th (1-8). Take down is Sunday at 6pm.
- **We suggest you claim your entry at 6pm on Sunday.** Scarecrows have been reported missing when not picked up in time!!
- The park district cleans the park early Sunday morning, therefore all remaining scarecrows will be discarded.

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