

# 2023 St. Charles SCARECROW WEEKEND



October 6<sup>th</sup> – October 8<sup>th</sup>

## SCARECROW CONTEST – ENTRY FORM

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### CONTEST PRIZES

\*\*\*\*\*Voting will take place in person during event hours.

#### Mechanical/Mega Category

1<sup>st</sup> Place \$500  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$350  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$250

- Business Category
- Clubs, Not-for Profit, Schools Category
- Individual Category

Per  
Category

1<sup>st</sup> Place \$200  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$150  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$100

#### \*\*Per Category

Minimum of 7 Entries for  
all 3 Prizes

Minimum of 5 Entries for  
1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Prizes

Minimum of 3 Entries for  
1<sup>st</sup> Place Prize

### PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION

Business/Organization/Individual Name: \_\_\_\_\_ If a business, are you a sponsor? \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ (to send receipt notification & check-in information)

Social Media Handle(s) for tagging of contest photos: \_\_\_\_\_

**ENTRY SIZES:** **MECHANICAL/MEGA CATEGORY** will receive an **8'x 8' SPACE**. **ALL OTHER CATEGORIES** – will receive a **4' W X 6'D SPACE**.

**IMPORTANT:** Please provide a name and description for your entry on this application or email it **by Sept 25, 2023!**

Category: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Scarecrow: \_\_\_\_\_

Provide a brief description of your Scarecrow: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- Scarecrows reflecting controversial, social, religious or political opinions/statements will **NOT** be accepted. The St. Charles Business Alliance reserves the right to remove any scarecrow it deems offensive or inappropriate.
- If you are unable to create your scarecrow for any reason, please contact the Alliance immediately so that your designated space can be filled.
- The ST. CHARLES BUSINESS ALLIANCE is NOT responsible for the scarecrows throughout the weekend. (Limited Security)

## SCARECROW CONTEST CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS:

1. **Mechanical/Mega:** **Mechanical** - Only category that is provided with electricity and allowed moving parts. Electricity must be the only means of mechanization. Entrants supply their own 50ft outdoor extension cord. **Mega** - Make an impact with a large 8 X 8 display. Neither power nor moving parts.
2. **Clubs, Not-for-Profits and Schools:** Open to adult/children's organizations such as: school, fraternal group, sports team or any other not-for-profit cause.
3. **Individual:** Open to entries created by one or more individuals or family not affiliated with a business or organization.
4. **Business:** Open to for-profit businesses. Display may reflect & promote business.

## CONTEST RULES:

### ❖ General

- All entries (except Mechanical/Mega) will receive a 4' wide x 6' deep space. NO EXCEPTIONS
- Mechanical/Mega - maximum space is 8' x 8'
- NO hand-outs at your contest display. Flyers can only be given out by Event Sponsors or Vendors.
- All entries must be on display during entire event Friday through Sunday.
- One entry per category per person, family, business or organization. Entries in multiple categories permitted.

### ❖ Theme/Signage

- Display may reflect a special theme and/or promote a not-for-profit organization, event or business.
- Must be constructed to withstand weather - **More set-up details will be emailed upon receipt of this application.**
- Signage may be displayed to identify or promote your business, event or organization. Please use weatherproof signs.

### ❖ Design

- Scarecrow designs must be NEW each year.
- No hazardous items such as fiki torches or gas-powered generators allowed.
- All categories may display lights (powered by batteries only) unless in Mechanical category.

### ❖ Check-in and Set-up

- All entries will be assigned a location, based on category. Location details will be emailed by September 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- **Set-up is Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>; 8:00AM - 8:00PM.**

### ❖ Tear Down

- **Tear down is Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:00PM -8:00 PM. Any remaining Scarecrows after 8:00 PM Sunday night will be discarded, and a clean-up fee may be incurred.**

Further set-up  
details will be sent  
upon receipt of  
Entry Form.

### How to Enter

**Mail or email this form by September 15, 2023**

St. Charles Business Alliance

Attn: Scarecrow Contest

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