

2023 Rotary Pumpkin Festival Scarecrow Contest



Rules and Guidelines

Registration: As space is limited, 50 entries will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Registration forms are available at www.fsrotary.org or by contacting Bart Bright at bartjbright@gmail.com. Registration forms must be returned by October 6, 2023. **Pre-registration is required.**

Entry fee: FREE! There is NO cost to enter the contest.

Eligibility: This contest is open to all non-profit, school and faith-based groups in Solano County. Businesses may enter but any cash prize received must be donated to a non-profit organization.

Themes: Scarecrows may be traditional, whimsical, humorous, mischievous, fantasy, celebrity, or loveable. **Bloody or violent themes will not be allowed, nor advertising, political or religious statements.** Entrants are reminded that this is a family event and that Rotary reserves the right to deny any entry.

Construction: Scarecrows must be durable and able to stand up to sun, wind and rain showers as they will be displayed from October 14 through October 29. All decorations must be firmly attached to your scarecrow. Feel free to bring extra props like straw bales, corn stalks, etc. The scarecrow must not be taller than 7 feet or smaller than 4 feet. If you choose to bring fresh vegetables or fruits (like pumpkins) they must be whole and not punctured or carved to ensure they last the duration of the contest. We reserve the right to remove any entries that do not maintain their condition to be displayed. **Electricity will not be provided.** Only solar or wind power for moving parts may be used. Five-foot metal stakes will be available on site, if needed.

Identifying Signs: As part of your display be sure to make a sign with the name of your entry and your school, group, business, or service club name. Your sign should be no larger than 11 x 17 inches. **Again, no advertising, political or religious statements will be allowed.**

Judging: All entries will be voted on by Rotary Pumpkin Festival customers during three weekends in October. A ballot will be issued to each paid entrant to the Pumpkin Festival. October 29th will be the last day to vote and the winners will be announced on or before October 30th.

Set-up: Scarecrows must be delivered and placed on display at the Pumpkin Festival on October 13, 2023, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. **No exceptions.** A lottery system will determine the placement of each scarecrow on the property. **No entries will be accepted after October 13th.**

Awards: All awards will be by check to the winning organizations and schools as follows: **1st Place--\$1,000; 2nd Place--\$500; and 3rd Place--\$250.** Ribbons will be presented to winners in each category.

Ownership: **All entries become the property of the Rotary Pumpkin Festival unless prior arrangements are made.**