

2010



Scarecrows in the Park

Saturday, October 23rd, 2010

2:00 – 5:00 pm

*** FREE ADMISSION ***

Come join us in some great family fun at Bentley Park

Scarecrow Contest



First Place - \$100 CASH Prize



2nd & 3rd Place – awarded merchandise donated by local businesses

All scarecrows will be available for additional viewing and voting throughout the last week of October at local businesses with the 'People's Choice Award' announced in Main Street Plaza on October 30th

People's Choice Award is determined by popular vote, votes = \$\$ raised

Scarecrow participants pay \$20 tax deductible, non-refundable donation

(Participation Form and Rules on Back)

Free Bounce Houses 🎃 Free Face Painting 🎃 Free Hay Rides 🎃 Free Music

Farmer's Market Vendors 🎃 Food & Drinks 🎃 Many Photo Opportunities



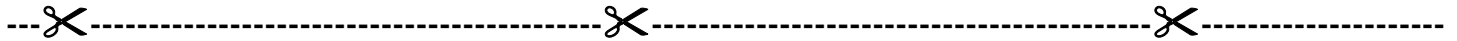
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2010 Scarecrows in the Park Contest Rules

1. **Deadline** for participation form along with \$20 tax deductible donation is Fri., October 15th, 2010 @ 5 PM. **Donations are non-refundable.**
2. **Setup:** Scarecrows must be set up at Bentley Park on Saturday, October 23rd no later than 12:00 pm. **Before setup:** check-in at the Information table where you will be assigned your staging location. (There is NO RAIN DATE – This is a RAIN or SHINE EVENT)
3. All entries must be available for display on Saturday, October 23rd at Bentley Park, and October 25th – 30th at assigned local businesses. Entries that are not submitted or supported by a local business will be assigned to one by the Owosso Parks & Recreation Commission (OPRC).
4. Scarecrow entries are required to work together with their assigned local business to ensure their scarecrow display stays in good health during the week of October 25th – 30th.
5. All scarecrows must be removed from Bentley by 6:00 PM on Sat., Oct. 23rd and from the downtown area by 6:00 PM on Sat., Oct. 30th.
6. Only **ONE entry** per person, family, business, or organization per category. Categories are as follows:
Single entry – must be made entirely by the individual whose name appears on the participation form
Group entry – two or more individuals working together. Groups may consist of family, friends, businesses, classrooms, sports teams, clubs
7. Scarecrows must be in good taste & constructed to withstand the weather. No scarecrow will be displayed that reflects a controversial social, religious or political situation. The OPRC reserves the right to refuse any scarecrow that does promote a positive, creative, and non-violent tone.
8. Scarecrow participants are required to monitor the health and the well being of their scarecrow for the duration of the event. Scarecrows that deteriorate beyond reason (as determined by the Parks & Recreation Commission) will be removed and will not be considered for any awards.
9. Owosso Parks & Recreation Commission is not responsible for any loss or damage to entries.
10. Scarecrow staging area is an 8x8 square where there should be no more than three scarecrows and at least one of the scarecrows must be at least 4 feet but no more than 8 feet tall. Additional props may be used as long they do not exceed the 8x8 staging boundaries.
11. Each participant must provide a secure container to collect votes (donations) as part of the exhibit.
12. Each participant must provide a 2'x2' sign that displays the exhibits name and assigned entry number.
13. No items such as mechanical parts, gas-powered generators or any other flammable objects are allowed to be any part of the scarecrow entry.
14. No handouts, promotional materials or free giveaways can be associated with a scarecrow entry.
15. Scarecrow judging will be conducted over the course of the event by a panel of selected judges. Each judge will rate each scarecrow in the areas of originality (30), design (25), creativity (20), durability (15) and neatness (10). Judges will announce the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places by category at 4:30 PM on date of the event and all decisions are final.
16. People's Choice Award will be determined by the scarecrow that raises the most donations and it will be announced on the Sat., Oct. 30th.

Questions? OwossoScarecrow2010@yahoo.com or call 989-277-9585



Official Scarecrow Participation Form

Please fill out the form and return it along with a \$20 tax deductible donation by Friday, October 15, 2010 to:

Scarecrow Contest ♦ 301 W Main St ♦ Owosso ♦ MI ♦ 48867-2915

Make checks payable to: City of Owosso and reference to 'Parks & Recreation' in the memo field

Name: _____ Contact #: _____ Email: _____

Category (circle one): single entry group entry - # of members _____ Age of oldest group member: _____

Scarecrow Exhibit Name: _____ Entry # (office only) _____

I hereby agree to the Owosso Parks & Recreation Commission Scarecrow Contest Rules as outlined. I also hereby release & hold harmless the City & its employees from any claims for loss, damage or injury incurred by Scarecrow Contest participants, their employees and agents. **PERMISSION** – I give permission for my photo to appear in any media coverage approved by the OPRC and furthermore, agree to leave my scarecrow on display from October 23rd through October 30th and will be the responsible party to remove the display on the last date.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian must sign if participant(s) is a minor

Please attach a printed list of all group members with contact information and ages, for those 18 years or older, merely reference 'ADULT'. This helps us to correctly publish names to the media and categorize alike participants if needed. Thank you!

NOW!! LET'S HAVE SOME FUN

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