

Lyman Woods Scarecrow Contest

October 9 to November 14, 2021

Presented by Lyman Woods, a facility of the Downers Grove Park District
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**Scarecrow Contest Entry Form - \$10.00 Entry Fee. PRIZES for Category Winners!
See following pages for category descriptions and rules.**

Categories:

1. Most Creative "Sharecrow" Scarecrow
2. Best Use of Recycled Materials
3. Best Use of Natural Materials

Entry Form

Group Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

ENTRY SPOTS: All categories will receive a pre-assigned location, with a metal stake on the main trail at Lyman Woods.

IMPORTANT: For voting accuracy, please provide a name for your entry on this application.

Category: _____

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/hold harmless the Downers Grove Park District, its employees, officers & agents from any & all claims for loss, damage or injury incurred by Scarecrow Contest participation.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Contest Description

Take part in the first-ever "Scarecrow Contest" at Lyman Woods! This contest is open to all families, civic groups and businesses, so rally up your Scout Troop, Key Club or officemates. Groups are encouraged to construct a "sharecrow", a scarecrow made with wildlife-friendly, edible ingredients. Several prizes options available! Scarecrows will be displayed along the trails at Lyman Woods through October for all to see!

Scarecrow Contest Categories:

1. **Most Creative Sharecrow** - This category is for the most creative and imaginative “sharecrows.” “Sharecrows” are a creative, wildlife-benefiting twist on the traditional scarecrow. Sharecrows must include nature-friendly, edible components for wildlife.
2. **Best Use of Recycled Materials**- This scarecrow should incorporate reused, recycled materials such as plastics, glass, metals and other human-created materials in unique and refreshing ways.
3. **Best Use of Natural Materials**- This category is for entries that incorporate natural materials, such as wood, plants, soil, rocks, etc., in a fun and original way.
4. **Entry Fee:** An entry fee of \$10 must be paid (online, in person, mail or over the phone) before setting up scarecrow display.

Contest Rules

- All entries will receive a pre-assigned spot beside the trail, with in-ground metal stake (for attaching the scarecrow if needed) at Lyman Woods.
- NO hand-outs, flyers, food items (unless pre-approved for wildlife), etc. at or on your contest display.
- Entries will be displayed from Oct. 9 thru Nov. 14, 2021
- Entries in multiple categories are permitted.
- Scarecrow(s) for display may reflect a special theme and/or promote a not-for-profit organization, event or business. Signage may also be displayed for similar purposes (please weatherproof any signs!)
- Scarecrows must be in good taste & constructed to withstand the weather.
- The Downers Grove Park District reserves the right to change the category if the scarecrow does not meet the criteria of submitted category.
- No items such as audio devices/sound-makers, glitter, balloons, open flame, tiki torches or gas-powered generators allowed as they may pose a danger to wildlife.
- Creators may display lights (powered by batteries and/or solar powered only), if securely attached.
- Set-up begins at 9am on Saturday, Oct. 2 and runs through 4pm on Sunday, Oct. 10. All set-ups must take place during regular business hours for Lyman Woods Interpretive Center. Additional set-up details will be emailed to accepted entries no later than Friday, October 1.
- Tear down begins Saturday, November 13 at 9am and ends Nov. 21 at 4pm. Scarecrows not removed by 4pm on Sunday, Nov. 21 will be discarded. We do not have a dumpster on site, so we do request people take materials off site to throw away.

Prize Information:

Category winners may choose one prize from the following options:

- A “Nature at Night” evening hike and campfire program for a group of up to 30 people (scheduled within 6 months of the end of the contest).
- 5 jars of Lyman Woods honey (8 oz. jars)
- A free 2-hour room rental during regular business hours at Lyman Woods (William F. Sherman Jr. Interpretive Center) or the Lincoln Center (subject to room availability).

Winners will be announced on the Downers Grove Park District website, the District’s social media outlets, and contacted via email on Friday, Oct. 22 Category Winners will have until November 12, 2020 to reply back to the Downers Grove Park District in order to select and claim their prize.

How to Enter

Mail or email a completed entry form by October 1, 2021 to:

Lyman Woods, William F. Sherman Jr. Interpretive Center
 Attn: Scarecrow Contest
 901 31st Street
 Downers Grove, IL 60515
 Email: lymanwoods@dgparks.org

Enter Online: Lymanwoods.org