

# Lyman Woods Scarecrow Contest Entry Form

**October 8 to November 13**

Presented by Lyman Woods, a facility of the Downers Grove Park District

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**Scarecrow Contest Entry Form. \$15.00 Entry Fee. PRIZES for Category Winners!**

**See following pages for category descriptions and rules.**

**Please fill out the following information below:**

Organization 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. This information will be emailed closer to the display date.

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

Category: \_\_\_\_\_ (Choose one or multiple: Most Creative "Sharecrow", Best Use of Recycled Materials and/or Best use of Natural Materials)

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 our annual "Scarecrow Contest" at Lyman Woods! This contest is open to all organizations, civic groups, families, 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.

## **Contest Rules**

- All entrants must have a completed application on file for the current contest year as well as have paid in full the application fee of \$15.00 (paid online through the Downers Grove Park District's Webtrac portal) before setting up their display. Information on applying and paying application fee at the bottom of this form.
- 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. 8 thru Nov. 13, 2022.
- 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). Lyman Woods will also provide a laminated sign for your display for the public and for judging.
- 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. 8th and runs through 4pm on Sunday, Oct. 15. 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 7th.
- Tear down begins Saturday, November 12th at 9am and ends Sunday, Nov. 20th at 4pm. Scarecrows not removed by 4pm on Sunday, Nov. 17 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 1.5 "Nature at Night" evening hike and campfire program for a group of up to 20 people (scheduled within 6 months of the end of the contest).
- A 1.5 hour "Creature Feature" program that includes meeting one of our Nature Center animals of your choice and a campfire for up to 20 people.

Winners will be announced on the Downers Grove Park District website, the District's social media outlets, and contacted via email on Friday, Oct. 29th Category Winners will have until November 12, 2022 to reply back to the Downers Grove Park District in order to select and claim their prize.

## **How to Enter & Pay Fee**

Send a completed entry form by October 1, 2022 to:

Mail: Lyman Woods, William F. Sherman Jr. Interpretive Center  
Attn: Scarecrow Contest  
901 31<sup>st</sup> Street  
Downers Grove, IL 60515

Email: [lymanwoods@dgparks.org](mailto:lymanwoods@dgparks.org)

Pay Online: To pay application fee online, please also register through our online portal:

<https://webtrac.dgparks.org/wbws/wbtrac.wsc/iteminfo.html?Module=AR&FMID=30879819>