Annual Scarecrow Contest at Pumpkin Fest!

Have you always wanted to create your very own scarecrow? Here's a chance to let your imagination run wild, and compete for fun prizes in the process. Gather up your supplies and enter the **Scarecrow Contest at Pumpkin Fest 2021.**

Youth groups, classrooms, service clubs, organizations, families, individuals and businesses are invited to participate. There are 4 different categories, with 1st place in each category online winner and then a single people's choice. The scarecrow can be entered only once. The categories are businesses/organizations, families, youth groups and individuals.

Scarecrow Specifications:

Because all scarecrow entries will remain on display outdoors, *they must be able to withstand the elements.* Their construction should be durable and all decorations securely attached. The scarecrow itself must be smaller than 6 feet tall, and able to be zip-tied at the base. All entries must be accompanied by a weatherproof sign (no larger than 11"x17") with the category, name of the scarecrow and the name of the scarecrow artist.

Restrictions:

Remember! This is a family event. **no scary scarecrows!** No weapons, blood, or violent themes will be allowed, as well as advertising, political, or religious statements. *We reserve the right to deny any entry.*

Arrival of Entries:

Participants are responsible for bringing their fully assembled scarecrow to the Florida Botanical Gardens on **Saturday, October 16th or Sunday, October 17th**, between the hours of **10:00 am and 2:00 pm**. No entries will be accepted after this date.

Contest Judging:

All entries will be voted on by the public online for one prize and as people choice in person on the day of Pumpkin Fest 2021! Online voting will take place between **October 18th and October 22nd** on the Florida Botanical Gardens Facebook page. Winners will be announced on **Monday, October 25th by 5pm**.

Registration Information:

Registration deadline is **October 8, 2021**. Be sure to fill the application out at: <u>www.flbgfoundation.org/scarecrowcontest</u>. Confirmation of participation and drop-off details will be sent via email. Limited to the first 50 entries (all categories).