

LIVE OAK FESTIVAL

“FAMILY FUN FOR EVERYONE”

SCARECROW CONTEST

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ELIGIBILITY:

Our Scarecrow Contest is open to all ages, individuals, families, clubs, groups & businesses. Each person, family club, group and business may only enter one time.

CATEGORIES:

1. **Traditional – Most Likely to Scare a Crow** – Typical farm & garden scarecrows made from cast-off clothing, burlap, gunny sacks, jeans, overalls, straw hats, aprons, bonnets, corn shocks, raffia, straw, etc.
2. **Any Other – Whimsical, Fairytale, Humorous, Fantasy, Celebrity, etc.** Design a scarecrow depicting your favorite fairytale, storybook, animal or fantasy figure and let your imagination run wild. Use of bright colors or unique materials is encouraged.
3. **Business – Traditional or Any Other (see above).** Businesses may display an advertisement sign with their name & logo not to exceed 11 x 17 inches. This category is open to all “for-profit” businesses located in the Live Oak Community.
4. **Children’s – Traditional and Any Other (see above).** Open to all individuals, groups, clubs & organizations of children, age 14 and younger. **Please note: Parental/adult participation must be kept to a minimum to maintain category integrity.**

CASH PRIZES:

First Place – Traditional – Any Other – Business - \$75
Second Place – Traditional – Any Other – Business - \$50
Third Place – Traditional- Any Other – Business - \$25
Children’s – First – Third Place - \$50 US Savings Bond

SPECIAL AWARD:

ONE entry in the **Business Category** will be awarded the “Festival’s Choice” as voted by the Directors of the Live Oak Festival Committee. The award for this prize will be \$100, a trophy and bragging rights.

ENTRY FEE:

FREE! There is NO fee to enter the contest.

ENTRY FORM DUE DATE:

All completed entry forms must be received no later than **Friday, September 9, 2011**. To ensure placement and judging please return completed entry form by mail to: Live Oak Festival, P.O. Box 505, Live Oak, CA, 95953 or drop off at Gold Country Bank, 9960 Live Oak Blvd., Live Oak, CA, 95953.

COMPLETED SCARECROW ENTRY DUE DATE:

All completed scarecrow entries must be delivered to the Live Oak Community Center, 10200 O St., Live Oak on **Friday, September 16, 2011**, between the hours of 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM. The minimum height is 4 feet tall. The maximum height is 7 feet tall. Scarecrows and props must fit in a 4 x 6 foot area.

CONSTRUCTION:

Scarecrows must be durable and able to stand up to sun, wind, and possible rain showers. Use care in choosing your materials. All decorations must be firmly attached to your scarecrow. If your scarecrow cannot stand by itself you will need to bring rope or wire to attach your scarecrow to the display area. Feel free to bring additional props like straw bales, corn shocks, pumpkins, etc. Scarecrows and props must fit into a 4 x 6 foot area. You are welcome to visit your scarecrow and keep it in good presentable condition. We reserve the right to remove entries that do not maintain their ability to be displayed. All entries must be hand-made. No commercial costumes, rubber masks, plastic masks, etc., will be allowed. Electricity will **NOT** be provided. Only solar or wind power for moving parts may be used.

As part of your display, be sure to make a sign with: name of your entry, and your name, family name, club name or business name. Your sign should be no larger than 11 x 17 inches. No advertising or political statements are allowed. (Note: business category may have advertising).

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The Scarecrow Contest Exhibit area is family friendly. Scarecrows should be whimsical, humorous, mischievous or lovable – NOT FRIGHTENING. Monsters, gruesome, bloody or especially scary entries will be disqualified. The Live Oak Festival Committee reserves the right to disqualify entries they feel to be distasteful or not family friendly.

SIZE:

The minimum size is 4 feet tall. The maximum size is 7 feet tall. Scarecrows and props must fit in a 4 x 6 foot area.

DROP OFF & SET UP:

You may bring and set up your scarecrow entry any time between 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM on Friday, September 16, 2011. No entries will be accepted after this time. Scarecrow entries must be delivered to the Live Oak Community Center, 10200 O St., Live Oak. Once your scarecrow has qualified for the contest, you will then be instructed as to where to set-up your scarecrow display.

DURATION:

All entries will be on display **one day only**, Saturday, September 17, 2011.

JUDGING:

Judging of all entries will be done by a group of individuals chosen by the Live Oak Festival Committee. Judging will take place at 3:00 PM, Saturday, September 17, 2011.

AWARDS PRESENTATION:

Winners need not be present to win. Winners will be announced and prizes awarded at 5:00 PM on Saturday, September 17, 2011. If you are not present and win an award it will be mailed via first class postal mail, payable to the name and sent to the address on your entry form.

PICK-UP:

Entries may be picked up after **9:00 PM until 10:00 PM** on Saturday, September 17, 2011 or on Sunday, September 18, 2011 between **9:00 am and 12:00 Noon**. Entries not picked up by their owners will become property of the Live Oak Festival.