

Catfish Cares Scarecrow Showdown

What: Select local businesses have the opportunity to decorate a scarecrow for the 2022 Catfish Cares Scarecrow Showdown and compete for charity. Each business will choose a non-profit/charity (must be a verified 501c.3) to sponsor and all proceeds will go towards the charity of their choice. During the fall season, members of the community will be able to vote on their favorite scarecrow. The top three scarecrows with the most votes will receive check for their respected non-profit in the non-profit's name.

Where: The Riverwalk at Catfish Bend Casino.

When:

- Registration is due The First Day of Fall – Thursday September 22nd, 2022 by 5:00pm.
- Scarecrow Decoration begins Monday, September 26th at 9:00am, and all scarecrows must be completed by Friday, September 30th at 5:00pm. Participants can come anytime during that period to decorate and make any changes they see fit. After September 30th at 5:00pm – not changes will be allowed. Any scarecrow not completed by 5:00pm on September 30th will be disqualified.
- Voting will take place beginning at 10:00am on Monday, October 3rd and end at 10:00am on Tuesday, November 1st.
 - Ways To Receive a Ballot
 - 1 ballot will be available daily via the Casino Rewards Kiosks
 - 1 ballot will be mailed in both the monthly Casino Mailer & FunCity Mailer
 - 1 ballot will be emailed for recipients to print via the FunClub Monthly E-Blast
 - 1 ballot will be given to each person who participates in the Halloween Costume Contest at the FunCity Safe Trick-or-Treat event at the end of October.
 - 1 ballot can be mailed to you by sending a self-addressed envelope to ATTN: Megan Brincks, 3001 Winegard Drive, Burlington, IA, 52601.
 - Membership to both the FunClub and Casino Players Club is Free.
- Scarecrow Pick-up will begin at 11:00am on Tuesday, November 1st and all scarecrows must be picked up by 5:00pm Friday November 4th.
 - Any scarecrow not claimed by 5:00pm Friday, November 4th will become property of Great River Entertainment LLC.

Prizes: 1st place: \$1,000, 2nd Place: \$750, 3rd Place: \$500. Checks will be made out to the business's chosen charity.

Scarecrow Guidelines:

- GRE will provide 1 Scarecrow Stand, consisting of a concrete-filled bucket and a 6' board acting as the backbone for the design. Groups are allowed to affix things to the board however they see fit, i.e.: staple, nail, glue, etc.
- Display area is approximately 4ft x 4ft.

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- Each display area will be provided with one electrical outlet, if needed.
- Please refer to specific manufacturer guidelines when connecting multiple strands of lights.
- It is the decorator's responsibility to maintain all battery operation. Any scarecrow that has battery operated accessories must have someone in charge to turn them on/off and replace when needed.
- GRE staff is not responsible for setting up displays.
- Decorating of the scarecrows will begin Monday, September 26th at 10:00am. All scarecrows must be completed by 5:00pm on Friday, September 30th.
- Each group will have a labeled area for their display.

Decorating Guidelines:

- Scarecrows must be appropriate and family friendly. No weapons, even fake, may be used in any part of the display. GRE staff reserves the right to reject any entries at any time.
- All decorations must be secured. GRE holds no responsibility for damaged or broken decorations due to insufficient mounting.
- Scarecrows must be decorated to be viewed from all sides.
- Please do not use perishable items on or by the scarecrow or anything that could spoil or rot. No real pumpkins. Dried corn, gourds, etc. are accepted.
- A skirt or other appropriate covering for the base of the tree **MUST** be included with the design.
- Groups may place items on or around their scarecrow to enhance its display, but all décor must stay within their 4x4' display area.

Pick-Up Guidelines:

- Scarecrows must be picked up between Tuesday, November 1st and Friday, November 4th. Only the scarecrow & board may be taken – all buckets will be left for reuse next year. Any scarecrows not claimed will become property of Great River Entertainment LLC.
- Winning scarecrows will be contacted by GRE staff to set-up a photo-op with the business and/or corresponding sponsored non-profit.
- In the event of a tie GRE staff will act as tie-breakers.

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Entry Form – Scarecrow Showdown

Entry Forms MUST be completed and returned by September 22nd, 2022.

Decorating Contact Person's Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

Sponsoring Business/Group Name: _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (Office) _____

Non-Profit Competing For: _____

Description of Non-Profit: _____

Non-Profit Website: _____

Scarecrow Information

Scarecrow Name: _____

Will you require an outlet?

Yes

No

Is there anything else you would like to add? Scarecrow origin story, description of display, etc?

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