



PROJECT SCARE A CROW

2025 Project Scare-A-Crow Competition

A collaboration between National Trail Parks and Recreation District and Project Jericho

October 2 - 23, 2025 at National Road Commons Park

2025's Project Scare-A-Crow theme is...

ICONIC WORKS OF ART

Reimagine a famous work of art as a scarecrow to represent your family, business, or organization in the competition. Create a scarecrow that embodies a famous piece of art, such as Van Gogh's Starry Night, Edvard Munch's The Scream, or whatever iconic work of art speaks to you. You may choose to recreate a human figure found within a work of art or personify an abstract work of art as a scarecrow. Below is a list of suggested works of art to inspire you:

Starry Night - Van Gogh

The Scream - Edvard Munch

Mona Lisa - Leonardo da Vinci

Girl With A Pearl Earring - Johannes Vermeer

The Persistence of Memory - Salvador Dali

The Kiss - Gustav Klimt

Water Lily Pond - Claude Monet

The Great Wave - Katsushika Hokusai

Convergence - Jackson Pollock

Portrait of Dora Maar - Picasso

Campbell's Soup Cans - Andy Warhol

The Son of Man - René Magritte

Unknown 1981 - Jean-Michel Basquiat

Dancers in Blue - Hillaire Germain Edgar Degas

Napoleon Crossing the Alps - Jacques-Louis David

The Wanderer Above a Sea of Mist - Caspar David Friedrich

Springfield Memory Map - Aminah Robinson

The Banjo Lesson - Henry Ossawa Tanner

The Thinker - Auguste Rodin

Balloon Girl - Banksy

Self-portrait with thorn necklace and hummingbird - Frida Kahlo

Asian Tiger - Charley Harper

Visit the Springfield Museum of Art for more ideas! See famous works by local, national, and international artists that are on display right here in our community.

NTPRD will provide each group entering the competition with one pole to construct their scarecrow on, which will be attached to a post that NTPRD will install at National Road Commons Park. A sign will be provided for each scarecrow to identify the name of your family, business or organization, as well as the famous work of art your scarecrow is inspired by. Scarecrows will be installed at National Road Commons Park on Thursday, October 2nd, 2025. NTPRD will be in contact to set up your time slot for installation.

**Return this form to NTPRD at 1301 Mitchell Blvd. Springfield, OH 45503
or email NationalTrail@springfieldohio.gov**

Scarecrow Display Rules

- Spaces are limited. Scarecrow display entries are first come, first serve.
- National Trail Parks and Recreation District will provide each entry one plastic, 3-inch, PVC pipe upon registration, and one metal stake will be provided at installation at the park. Each scarecrow must be secured to the pipe, enabling each scarecrow to be displayed at the park over the metal stake.
- Scarecrows must use the provided stake. No additional stakes can be used by competitors.
- Scarecrow displays may not exceed 8 ft high x 6ft long x 3ft wide
- Scarecrow displays may not use a store-bought mask or mannequin heads.
- Scarecrows displays must be culturally sensitive and appropriate, respecting the diversity in our community
- Scarecrow displays may not include any gore, weapons, obscene imagery, political promotions, or any other inappropriate words or images. NTPRD and Project Jericho have the right to alter or reject any entry.
- Scarecrow displays must not include perishable goods.
- NTPRD and Project Jericho are not responsible for loss or damages that occur to scarecrow displays. If scarecrow displays do not hold up to weather conditions and fall apart, NTPRD/Project Jericho reserves the right to remove the display.
- Scarecrow winners will be selected by people's choice voting, which will be open from October 4th to October 22nd. Anyone will have the option to vote using paper ballots or a QR code to vote online.

Tips & Tricks!

- Fill old grocery bags with hay and use duct tape or zip ties to attach bags of hay to your pole and stuff your scarecrow. You can stuff an old pillowcase to easily construct a scarecrow head.
- Think sturdy and anchored! Your scarecrow will need to be built to withstand all kinds of weather conditions, including strong winds. Find creative ways to pose your scarecrow securely. Scarecrows that sit on a bale of hay tend to hold up and last longer.
- Reuse! Use old clothes or find what you can find at thrift stores. Utilize old scraps in creative ways before buying something new.

PARTICIPANT'S INFORMATION FORM

Organization/Business or Family Name _____

Contact Person _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Primary Phone _____ Secondary Phone _____

Email _____

Iconic Artwork Title and Artist _____

RELEASE INFORMATION

I, the undersigned, further hereby resolve, absolve, indemnify and hold harmless the NTPRD, its Board, organizers, sponsors and instructors appointed by them. I also grant the NTPRD and the City of Springfield permission to publish in print, electronic or video format the likeness or image of myself or child. I release all claims against the NTPRD and the City of Springfield with the respect to copyright ownership and publication. Including any claim for compensation related to use of the materials. I agree to all of the rules and requirements of the Project Scare-A-Crow program. National Trail and Project Jericho will not be responsible for loss or damages that might occur to the scarecrows on display.

Signature

Date