



1<sup>st</sup> Annual

## Scarecrow Contest

Scarecrows, Corn rows  
Pumpkins on the vine.  
Leaves curl, Wind swirls  
Fall is right on time!



### ELIGIBILITY:

Our First Annual Scarecrow Contest is open to all ages, individuals, families, clubs, groups & businesses. Each person, family or group 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. Note: If you use papier-mâché, be sure it is sealed to protect it from the elements.
3. Business – Traditional or Any Other (see above). Businesses may display an advertisement sign with their name and logo not to exceed 11 x 17 inches.

### CASH PRIZES:

First Place \$125 (each category)  
Second Place \$75 (each category)  
Third Place \$50 (each category)

### SPECIAL AWARDS:

KJUG will be awarding the winner of the Business Category a \$500 Radio Advertising Schedule on KJUG 98.1 FM. Additionally, one entry will be awarded the "Farmer's Choice" as voted on by the Jack Creek Farms family. The award for this prize will be a \$100 Jack Creek Farms gift certificate.

### ENTRY FEE:

FREE! There is NO cost to enter the contest.

### ENTRY DUE DATE – Saturday September 19th:

Entry forms should be mailed to:

Jack Creek Farms  
4665 Jack Creek Road  
Templeton, CA 93465

Entries may also be dropped off in person at the Jack Creek Farms Country Store, 5000 Highway 46 West during regular business hours. The first entries received will be placed closest to the farm store, with later entries being placed further out in the field.

#### **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. We recommend a 2 x 4 piece of lumber for the central body. A broomstick or 2 x 4 is recommended for the arms. We will supply a 4 to 5 foot tall steel T-post already placed into the ground. You will need to bring rope or wire to attach your scarecrow to the post. Feel free to bring additional props like straw bales, corn shocks, etc. Scarecrows and props must fit into a 6 x 6 foot area. If you choose to bring fresh vegetables or fruits (like pumpkins) they must be whole and not punctured or carved, to ensure they last through the duration of the contest. You are welcome to visit your scarecrow and keep it in good presentable condition. We reserve the right to remove any 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: the name of your entry, and your name, group, or service club name. (This will help your friends and family find your entry when voting.) Your sign should be no larger than 11 x 17 inches. No advertising or political statements are allowed (Note: business category may have advertising).

***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.***

***~ Jack Creek Farms 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 height is 7 feet. Scarecrows and props must fit in a 6 x 6 foot area.

#### **DROP OFF & SET UP:**

You may bring and set up your scarecrow entry any time between 11 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on **Friday September 25<sup>th</sup>** and **Saturday September 26<sup>th</sup>**. All entries must be in place by closing time Saturday at 6:00 p.m.

#### **DURATION:**

All entries will be on display from Sunday September 27th through Saturday October 31st. (The entire month of October).

#### **JUDGING:**

Visitors to our farm will be voting daily to decide which scarecrow is the best. Guests may pick up a ballot at the farm store front counter. Each scarecrow will be numbered. Guests will write down the number of their favorite scarecrow and place it in the ballot box. On Sunday November 1<sup>st</sup> at 12 noon the ballots will be tallied.

Each guest visiting the farm may only vote one time per day. Feel free to encourage friends and family to visit our farm to vote for your entry.

#### **AWARDS PRESENTATION:**

Winners need not be present to win. Winners will be announced and prizes awarded at 1:00 pm on Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup> 2009 at our farm. If you are not present and win an award, it will be mailed via First Class Postal mail, made payable to the name, and sent to the address on your entry form.

#### **PICK-UP:**

Entries may be picked up on Friday November 6<sup>th</sup> through Sunday November 8<sup>th</sup> between 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Note the farm will be **closed** if it is raining. In case of rain alternate pickup dates will be the following Friday through Sunday. Entries not picked up by their owners after the 8<sup>th</sup> (or November 15<sup>th</sup> in case of rain) will become the property of Jack Creek Farms.