



Cool Patch Pumpkins Great Scarecrow Contest 2008 Dixon, California

Age Groups:

Youth 12 to 17 years

Adult 18 years and older

CATEGORIES:

1. Single Entry: Must be made entirely by the individual whose name appears on the registration form.
2. Group Entry: Two or more individuals working together. Groups may be comprised of family, friends, businesses, classrooms, sports teams or various clubs.

THEMES:

Use your imagination to select a theme for your scarecrow. Whether you choose a traditional, contemporary or humorous approach, is up to you. Your scarecrow can be whimsical, frightening, funny or sad.

PRIZES:

- First Award \$500 (each category)
- Second Award \$300 (each category)
- Third Award \$250 (each category)

SPECIAL AWARD:

One entry will be awarded the "Best of Show" as voted by the judging committee. The cash award for this prize will be \$700.

PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

All entry forms must be postmarked by Friday, September 26, 2008.

CONTEST LIMITED TO FIRST 250 ENTRIES

ENTRY FEE: \$20 non-refundable entry fee is required to accompany application form. Checks are to be made payable to Cool Patch Pumpkins.

AWARDS CEREMONY:

Winners will be announced and prizes awarded at 1:00 PM on Saturday, October 4, 2008 at the Pumpkin Patch.

LOCATION:

Cool Patch Pumpkin Patch, 8850 Currey Road, Dixon, California

DELIVERY OF ENTRIES:

Entrants are responsible for bringing and installing their fully assembled scarecrows to the Cool Patch Pumpkin Patch in Dixon from 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM daily, from Wednesday, October 1st thru noon on Friday, October 3rd. Cool Patch personnel will be on hand to assist entrants in locating designated position sites and supervise installation.

All entries must remain in the patch through Friday October 31, 2008. **Non-winning entries must be picked up by Sunday, November 2, 2008.**

JUDGING:

Approximately 4:00 PM, Friday, October 3rd in the Cool Patch Pumpkin Patch. Winners to be announced on 1:00 PM, Saturday, October 4, 2008.

RESTRICTIONS:

- No advertising, political or religious statements will be allowed.
- Youth entries must be made by children. Parents may assist in placing the scarecrow in the Patch; however, in fairness to all contestants, any last minute assembly or touch-ups by adults will disqualify the entry.
- All entries are subject to the limitations of space availability as well as the standards of display set by Cool Patch Pumpkin management.

SCARECROW SPECIFICATIONS:

ARMATURE:

A metal fence post is placed in the ground for attaching the scarecrow. There is approximately 4 to 5 feet of post upon which the scarecrow must be attached. The builder of the scarecrow must provide a method for attaching the scarecrow.

SIZE LIMITATIONS:

Minimum Height/ 4 feet

Maximum Width/ 8 feet

The entire structure of the exhibit is considered to be the dimension of the scarecrow entry – not the dimension of the actual scarecrow. Your exhibit may include more than one figure, but should not need more than four fence posts.

MATERIALS:

As all scarecrow entries must remain out-of-doors from set-up date until the end of and may be subject to severe wind and/or rain, their construction should be durable and all ornamentation securely attached. Carved pumpkins or other living materials that will not last the duration of the exhibition are discouraged.

KINETIC ENTRIES:

As no electricity is available for kinetic scarecrows, you must provide your own silent (no power generators, please) power source – batteries, solar power units or wind currents may be utilized for the movement or other effects.

MORE INFORMATION:

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