



## Scarecrow Contest, Presented by Monsanto Guidelines

Thank you for your interest in displaying a scarecrow at Mesker Park Zoo & Botanic Garden. Please review the following rules and guidelines.

1. Scarecrows must be able to withstand outdoor weather. If any part of the scarecrow deteriorates beyond an acceptable level during the exhibition, Mesker Park Zoo reserves the right to remove said parts and is not responsible for any loss or damage to the entries. Scarecrows must also be done in good taste and should not reflect controversial, social or political situations.
2. Mesker Park Zoo reserves the right to use photographs and names of the scarecrows for promotional use.
3. Drop-off/Pick Up Times: Scarecrows may be dropped off on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> between 8 and 3 PM. If another arrangements need to be made, please call. Check in at the main entrance. Scarecrows may be picked up anytime after Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. Scarecrows not picked up by 2 PM on Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> will be disposed of if it is not useable for the future. If you know in advance you would like to donate your scarecrow, please let us know.
4. Scarecrows must be built on a 1 ½ inch square post. When you drop off your scarecrow, the zoo will provide a pipe secured in the ground at your display location for you to insert your post. Only one pipe per entry is supplied. The pipe is approximately 12" – 18" long and can accommodate a 1 ½ inch square post.
5. Please attach a weatherproof sign on the lower part of your scarecrow stand with the name of your entry.
6. The public may vote for their favorites between October 10<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Encourage your family, friends and coworkers to come out and vote for your entry! Ballots will be available at the Wild Rivers Trading Company Gift Shop, located at the zoo's entrance. Winners will be announced and posted on our website. Winners will be contacted by October 31<sup>st</sup> to pick up prizes.

### **Helpful Hints for Making Scarecrows**

- Spray Scotch guard on the inside and outside of the clothing to prevent mildew
- Stuffing can be made from many materials, but newspaper and water-soluble peanuts are not recommended. Plastic bags and bubble wrap work well.
  - Use weather resistant materials including nylon and polyester fabrics.
    - Scarecrows will be outside, so be sure everything is secure.