



## Lakes Park Enrichment Foundation (LPEF) Scarecrows in the Park - American Heroes Edition KEY DATES & DETAILS

- **Exhibit Dates and times:** Saturday October 24<sup>th</sup> through Saturday October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020, during regular park hours (typically, sunrise to sunset).
- **Registration Deadline:** Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- **Installation:** Friday October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020, during regular park hours. LPEF representatives will provide direction during installation.
- CDC Guidelines for social distancing will apply during installation and takedown. Appointments are required. Once you have registered to compete, you will be reminded to make your installation appointment via SignUp.com
- **Takedown:** Registrants are required to remove their display from the park on Sunday November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 during regular park hours.
- **Scarecrow Exhibit Location:** The Children's Garden at Lakes Park, 7330 Gladiolus Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33908. Enter the park through the Gladiolus main gate and make a right toward Parking Lot 3. Look for the Children's Garden archway on your right.
- **Parking:** Lee County Parks & Recreation parking fees apply; annual parking stickers are valid at this location, OR purchase parking upon arrival.

### “SCARECROWS IN THE PARK” CONTEST GUIDELINES AND RULES

- Open to everyone! Families, associations, clubs, businesses, community groups, scout/youth groups and individuals are all welcome to participate.
- **All entries must consist of a single scarecrow figure attached securely to a pole or post, dressed as an “American Hero”. Your entry must be brought to the park fully assembled - there will be no on-site assembly.**
- CDC guidelines for social distancing apply to installation and takedown days, as well as during the exhibit.
  - Stay six feet from people outside your installation/takedown crew
  - Stay home if you are sick.
  - Wear a face covering in public.
  - Avoid touching your face.
  - Cough and sneeze in your elbow.
  - Sanitize high touch areas
  - For each entry, an installation/takedown crew of no more than five persons will be permitted. Please do not bring groups.
- Scarecrows must be in good taste and constructed to withstand Southwest Florida's weather. It is MANDATORY that all scarecrows and props are secured by stakes and wire. Builders must periodically check their display throughout the duration of the exhibit.
- All entries will be assigned a 2' wide x 3' deep space. Signage identifying your organization and the name of your display/scarecrow will be provided.
- NO ELECTRICITY IS AVAILABLE, and no tiki torches or gas-powered generators are allowed. Use of elements (sun/wind) can be implemented. NO LIVE PLANTS, FRESH PUMPKINS OR MULCH IN DISPLAY.
- NO HANDOUTS OF ANY KIND, at the scarecrow display or in person.
- **VIP JUDGING:** There will be no VIP Party this year. Celebrity judges will select their favorite displays during the first day of the exhibit in a “secret shopper” style. All Builders and Sponsors are invited.
- **PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS:** People's Choice Awards will be determined this year by “likes” on the Foundation's Facebook and Instagram channels. We will post photos of entries on our social media channels and count the “likes” to determine the winners.
- Winners will be identified by signs and/or ribbons posted to their display site and/or in media releases.
- LPEF and Lee County Parks & Recreation are not responsible for loss or damage to the scarecrows during installation, takedown, or during the exhibit.
- Entrants give LPEF the right to use photographs, scarecrows and contact names in publicity and on their website: [www.LakesPark.org](http://www.LakesPark.org).