

LOST RIVER CAVE

SCARECROW TRAIL

October 3rd - October 25th

WHAT'S WITH ALL THE SCARECROWS?

Lost River Cave Scarecrow Trail started in 2012 with the goal of encouraging kids and families to get back in touch with the outdoors. Every October since, the park trails come alive with scarecrows created by Bowling Green businesses, families and organizations. This year, we hope you'll make this Scarecrow Trail the best one yet!

GIVE BACK WITH A SCARECROW

Each scarecrow represents a desire to get children unplugged and into nature. By entering a scarecrow, you help maintain Lost River Cave's trails and 72-acre park, a place where our community can enjoy more green time and less screen time.

BE SEEN BY BOWLING GREEN

Last October, over 50,000 people visited Lost River Cave. Make your 'crow an awesome display that shares your message and represents your business, organization or family, while encouraging folks to get outside and enjoy nature! Lost River Cave will provide signage with your logo or name to identify your participation.

Your 'Crow Crew will be recognized on lostrivercave.org and shared with our 38,000+ followers on Facebook as well as over 8,000+ followers on Instagram!

WIN THIS YEAR'S BRAGGING RIGHTS!

Trail visitors will choose 1st, 2nd and 3rd place 'crows. Lost River Cave Staff will also vote on their favorite as well as other scarecrow superlatives!

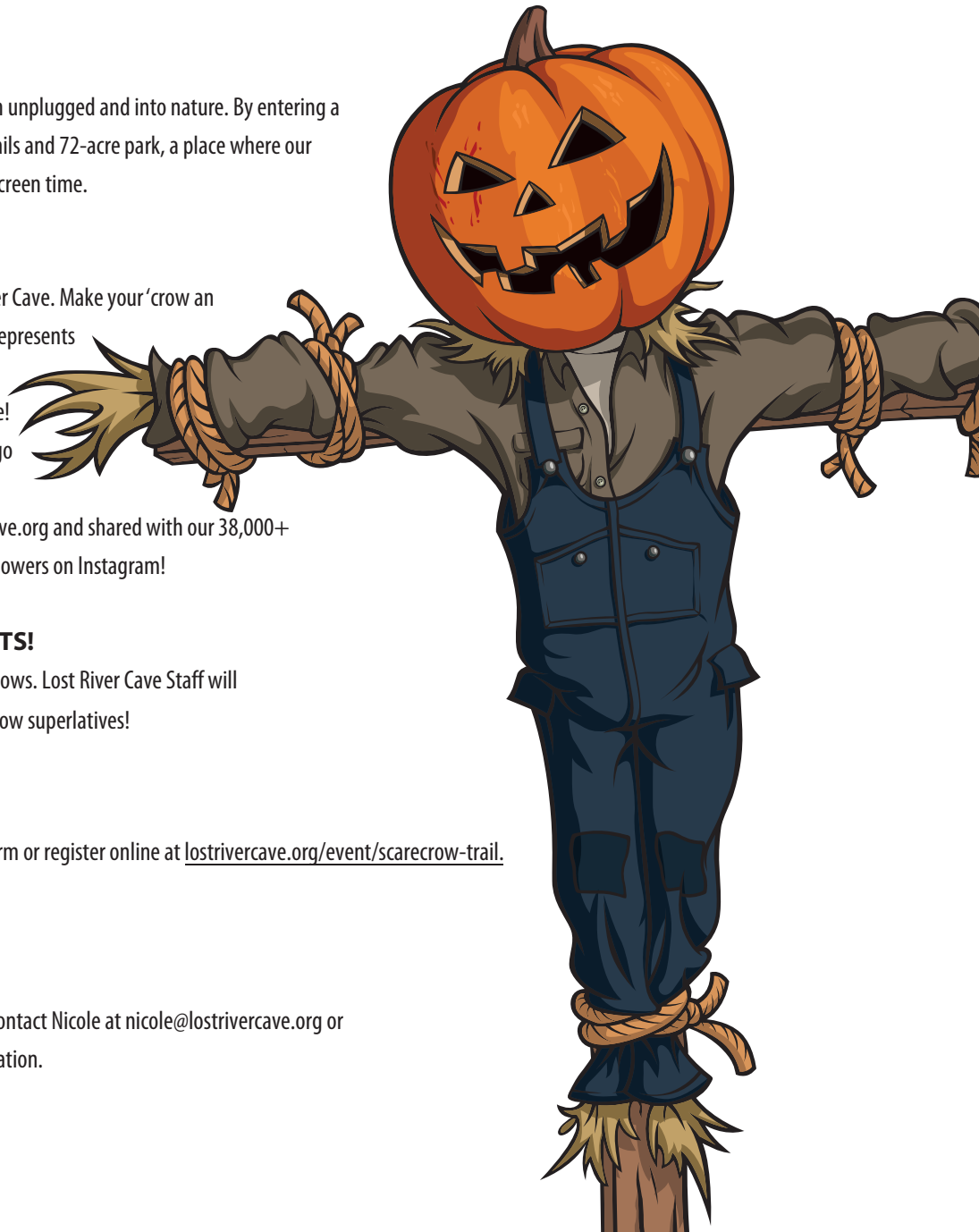
HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Complete and return the enclosed registration form or register online at lostrivercave.org/event/scarecrow-trail.

The entry fee is:

- \$40 for Families and Non-profits
- \$75 for Businesses

The entry fee is due at the time of registration. Contact Nicole at nicole@lostrivercave.org or 270-393-0077 with questions or for more information.



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TIPS FOR MAKING YOUR 'CROW



Your 'Crow Crew is on its way to becoming a Lost River Cave Scarecrow Trail Champion. Follow these tips to get started down *the trail* to victory!

PLANNING YOUR SCARECROW

Think about what your business, organization or family is all about! Get creative with materials and ideas; your field of business or motto can provide great ideas for props. If all else fails, search the Internet for scarecrow ideas. There are lots of good examples online. You could also use your favorite movie villain, cartoon character, sports figure, forest animal, or even better, a Bowling Green person, place or thing!

IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER

It's important to weatherproof your 'crow! Scarecrows will be subject to weather for the entire month. They need to be constructed with weather-resistant materials and Scotchgard. Clothing that does not fade easily, such as nylon and polyester, will hold up better than cotton.

While you can use an array of materials, some aren't *so great* for the great outdoors. Newspaper or water-soluble packing peanuts will not hold up when exposed to weather. However, they can be used as stuffing when encased in weatherproof plastic bags. Avoid perishable produce like pumpkins because they will rot. **No hay bales should be included in your display. Using a hay bale will be automatic disqualification.**

Design your scarecrow so that you can attach it to the frame at the ankles, waist and shoulders. Bring extra fabric or a belt to cover the attachment. Your 'crow will stay outdoors in the valley, so make sure everything is secure. Sewing is best, but large safety pins or staples will work. Clear tape will not hold up to weather, but electrical or duct tape works well.



SUGGESTED ITEMS:

- Boards and sticks for back support and arms
- Search your closet and thrift stores to outfit your scarecrow
- Plastic bags for stuffing arms and legs
- Heavy duty rubber, gardening or leather gloves for hands
- Rope, string, staples, glue or paint
- Remember the details! A glittering pair of high-heels or slick pair of shades may be just what your scarecrow needs.

THE HEAD AND HAIR:

- Facial expression is the first thing a viewer will notice. Draw a face with a permanent marker or sew a face with pieces of felt or colored cloth
- Make a head by packing plastic bags into an old pillowcase or pour paint into a one-gallon plastic milk carton to coat the inside
- Ideas for hair: yarn, broom, shredded plastic, moss, raffia or old mop head
- Attach the head by pulling it down onto the top of the post and attaching with a wire, nails or staples

LOST RIVER CAVE TRAIL INFORMATION



'CROW CREW INFORMATION

1. Set up will be by appointment only on September 28th thru October 1st from 9:00am-4:30pm. Each Scarecrow will be assigned a trail location on its installation day. Trail locations may not be reserved.
2. If needed, LRC will provide one seven-foot tall 2"x4" wood post with a 2-foot cross-bar for shoulders at your installation site. If you prefer, you may build your own frame. Just be sure it can be secured to the ground. A sign recognizing your 'crow Crew can be purchased and set out by Lost River Cave.
3. If you have more than one 'crow for you trail site, we can provide additional frames at a cost of \$20 per frame.
4. Lost River Cave is not responsible for any loss or damage to entries. Be sure to inspect your scarecrow periodically and freshen it as needed, especially after inclement weather. Your entry represents your business, organization or family, so you'll want it to look great the entire time.
5. Lost River Cave reserves the right to use photographs of the entries for future publicity.
6. You may pick up your scarecrow at the barn from 9:00am-4:30pm on October 26th-30th. Any Scarecrow left behind after Oct 30th will be disposed of by Lost River Cave.

SCARECROW RULES

1. No hay bales should be included in your display - your crow will automatically be disqualified if hay bales are used.
2. No materials that are harmful to the environment should be used.
3. Tires are not permitted to create your scarecrow or your display.
4. Scarecrow installation must be scheduled by appointment.
5. You must have your scarecrow complete by your appointed installation day. Staff will assist you in transporting your 'crow to its designated location but may not be able to stay with you as other appointments will be scheduled. Scarecrow locations are determined on the day of installation.
6. Scarecrows must be in good taste; those that reflect controversial social or political situations will not be accepted.
7. Scarecrows must be constructed to withstand weather conditions. Lost River Cave reserves the right to remove any scarecrow that does not meet these standards.
8. No handouts, promotional materials or free giveaways can be associated with any entry.
9. Your scarecrow must stay on display until Sunday, October 25th.
10. You must collect all parts of your scarecrow and display (e.g., tables, props, etc.) when you pick up your 'crow. **Large displays MUST be picked up.**



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SCARECROW TRAIL ENTRY FORM



This colorful and exciting fall event brings enjoyment to the entire community. Come join the fun this year, and enter a scarecrow in the 15th annual Scarecrow Trail at Lost River Cave! When it comes to your Scarecrow, your imagination is the limit! This contest is open to any business, organization, family or individual.

Register on our website or by returning this completed entry form.

CONTACT

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Lost River Cave

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Bowling Green, KY 42101

Please print all information.

Business/Organization/Family Name: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address of Contact Person: _____

Will you be needing a Scarecrow Frame? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, how many? _____ *If needed, Lost River Cave will provide one cross-bar frame (7' x 2' frame) upon registration. Each additional frame is \$20.

Signage: ☐ I will bring my own sign!

☐ (\$15) Make my scarecrow a sign! *(Please email a high-resolution file of your logo to nicole@lostrivercave.org.)*

☐ (\$15) Make my family a sign with the following name: _____

**Entry Fee and Completed Entry Form are due by
September 20th at 5pm to Lost River Cave.**

**Register online or mail Entry Form and payment to:
2818 Nashville Road, Bowling Green, KY 42101.**

***Include \$20 per additional scarecrow frame(s)**

By signing this entry form, I hereby agree to follow the contest rules. I release and hold harmless Friends of the Lost River, Inc. from any and all claims for personal loss, damage or injury incurred by Scarecrow Trail sponsors or participants. Friends of the Lost River, Inc. is not responsible for damage or loss of scarecrow entry. I also give permission for the use of my name and photos of my scarecrow for publicity in relation to the event.

Signature _____

Date: _____

Please email nicole@lostrivercave.org for further information | Lost River Cave, Bowling Green, KY 42101