

Retzer Nature Center's

Build-A-Scarecrow

AT HOME

INSTRUCTIONS



To participate, the registration form must be completed online

www.waukeshacounty.gov/scarecrow

no later than 4 p.m. on Fri., Sept. 22, 2023.

Scarecrows can be installed beginning Fri., Sept. 15 and all must be in place by Fri., Sept. 22.

Scarecrows are to remain in place until after Tues., Oct. 31.

Scarecrows not picked up by Mon., Nov. 6 will be disposed of.

BUILD GUIDELINES (Smaller scarecrows are ok, but do not make larger than instructed below.):

1. Use a 1-inch by 3-inch wooden board, no longer than 6 feet tall for the scarecrow's spine.
Use a 1-inch by 3-inch board that is 2 feet long for the arms. Center the shorter board across the 6-foot board, about 12 inches from the top, to make a "T". Nail the two boards securely together with 3 or 4 nails.
2. Plan the family-friendly build. Gather an assortment of old clothing to dress your scarecrow.
Please note: Retzer Nature Center is not responsible for any loss or damage to displays or materials.
3. To make the scarecrow's head, almost anything can be used. Keep in mind that this will be outdoors for over a month; use materials that will endure the fall outdoor weather.
Suggestions: plastic jug, stuffed pillowcase, plastic flower pot, pie tin, pail, etc.
4. To make the face, use paint or glue other materials so that they will not come off.
5. For stuffing, use: straw, dry leaves, cotton, or batting materials, rags, old clothing, etc.
Suggestion: First try stuffing these materials into a pillow case or plastic grocery bags, and then use the bags to stuff the scarecrow clothing.
6. Use rope or wire to securely fasten the waist and head of the scarecrow to the "T" board.
7. Hats, gloves, or scarves should be securely safety-pinned to garments so they do not come off.
8. Reflectors, noise-makers, and motion items are also good additions to scarecrows.
Suggestions: tin cans, aluminum pie plates, ribbon streamers, chimes, whirligigs, etc.

Bring finished scarecrows to the blue trail loop to the pond near the Children's Garden, located behind the west end of the Learning Center building. Complete the scarecrow identification card on the next page and insert into a zippered or sealed bag and pin to your scarecrow. Place your scarecrow on a stake that will be provided along the trail. Bring your own wire, tape, string and tools (pliers, scissors, etc.) to attach the scarecrow to the stake.



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Directions to Retzer: From Waukesha, take Hwy. 18 (Summit Ave.) one mile west of the Waukesha By-Pass (Meadowbrook Rd./TT). From Wales, take Hwy. 18 five miles east to County Road DT (signs mark the turn from both directions). Turn south onto DT, then take the first left onto Madison Street. Retzer's entrance is directly on the right.

SCARECROW IDENTIFICATION FORM

(please print)

Scarecrow Name:

Created By (Individual/Group Name):
