



## Try out some activities as you explore the Scarecrows!

The Scarecrows display is one of Lichterman Nature Center's coolest annual offerings! Students can explore and work in groups to learn more about Scarecrow Lore but they can be "Scarecrow Scavengers" as they hunt (in groups led by Teachers or Chaperones) and sort these interesting creations or even have their own Scarecrow Judging Contest and decide which is their favorite Scarecrow of all.

**Scarecrows Judging Sheet (for K-6<sup>th</sup>)-** Let your students be the judge, as they determine which Scarecrows they like most in each Scarecrow category. To enhance the students' experience, have them look at all the Scarecrows with scorecards in hand and rate their favorite Scarecrow by category OR just have them pick their overall favorite Scarecrow from the exhibit and explain what they like that particular Scarecrow most of all.

**Scarecrow Fun Fact Sheet (for K-2<sup>nd</sup>) + Scarecrow Lore (for 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade and up) -** Discover the history of scarecrows, learn about how and why they are made and what makes the Lichterman Scarecrow Exhibit so very unique! Scarecrows have been around a long time. There is great deal to learn about where they've been!

- Did you know that throughout history they had many different names such as Jack in the Straw, tattlebogle, scare bird?
- Did you know that the first Scarecrows that weren't actual people were made of wood by the Greeks around 2,500 years ago?

**Scarecrow Search & Find (for K-2<sup>nd</sup>) -** Encourage your students to explore the Scarecrows and incorporate reading and math concepts such as sorting by color, by theme or by material. By using colors and numbers of Scarecrows have your students search, sort and find answers to questions that will promote teamwork and get them thinking critically.

**Scarecrow Scavenger Hunt (for 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade and up) -** Search for particular Scarecrows that relate to a certain theme, are made of particular materials or have specific similarities/differences. It is a great way to have students practice comparing and contrasting!

Use these activities or feel free come up with your own activities to help make the Scarecrows more engaging for your students. For more info contact us at 636-2221.

**We look forward to having you and your students come explore and enjoy the Scarecrows and enjoy a fun learning experience that they will not forget!**