



Hobbits, Dwarves and Orcs...Oh My!

Gilroy Gardens is looking for 20 Local Businesses and 20 non-profit organizations to participate in our Middle Earth Special Event!

We challenge you to create a Scarecrow themed as one of the creatures from Middle Earth! Hobbits, Wizards, Dwarves, Elves and Orcs ... what can you create? These scarecrows will be on display weekends from October 31st through November 29th, along Sycamore Bridge at park entrance. Chosen participants will receive one (1) spot for their scarecrow and their choice of either 50 complimentary tickets valid for November only, *OR* 25 complimentary tickets valid for November and 25 complimentary tickets valid for Holiday Lights. Preference will be given to the following:

- Organizations that have never participated in our Community Scarecrow program before - we want to give new groups the opportunity!
- Returning groups that will take on the challenge of changing their display - no repeat scarecrows with wizard hats please! This is a whole new challenge.
- How flexible you can be about what creature you create ...
 - We need 8 of each creature --- 8 Hobbits, 8 Dwarves, 8 Elves, 8 Wizards and 8 Orcs
 - When you register tell us which creature you prefer --- but if you check the "Any Available Creature" box your chances of being chosen are higher!

We will be collecting registration forms during the month of September and will contact you the first week of October if you are chosen to participate. Please read the Guidelines on the registration form & other information below. We look forward to your participation, and to meeting you! Please contact us at (408) 840-7155 if you have any questions.

Set-up Dates and Times

Monday, October 26th and Tuesday, October 27th from 4:00pm – 6:00pm.

You will park in the main parking lot (Parking Lot A) of Gilroy Gardens, enter through the main gate turnstiles and check in with a Park Representative who will assist you with site location and distribution of tickets. Locations are first come, first served.

Scarecrow Removal Dates

Monday, November 30th and Tuesday, December 1st from 4:00pm - 6:00pm.

We encourage you to come and pick up your Scarecrow on scheduled dates. Any displays that are NOT picked up by 6:00pm on December 1st will be discarded. Groups that do not pick up their scarecrow will risk not being invited to future events.

Other information

1. Each organization is responsible for checking on their display throughout the duration of the event, during normal operating hours to ensure that it looks fresh and creative. Please use the complimentary tickets to check on your display.
2. Gilroy Gardens reserves the right to remove any scarecrow display that has been damaged by weather and not repaired by the organization.
3. Gilroy Gardens reserves the right to remove any display we feel is inappropriate for families with young children.
4. Gilroy Gardens is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged items.
5. **Use your imagination and best efforts! The groups with the best displays will be invited to participate in our Holiday Lights Tree Decorating event.**



Scarecrow Alley Registration Form

Please complete and fax this form to (408) 846-0741. You will receive email confirmation of our receipt of your registration within 72 hours. We will email you within the first week of October to let you know if your group has been chosen to receive a spot on our Scarecrow Alley. Please contact us at (408) 840-7155 if you have any questions.

Scarecrow Guidelines

When setting up your scarecrow please follow the guidelines listed below:

1. Scarecrows must meet our **Middle Earth Theme**. We are looking for a variety of Middle Earth Creatures: Hobbits, Dwarves, Elves, Wizards, and Orcs. Groups who choose an unpopular creature will have a better chance at getting a spot assigned because we want to have as many different creatures for our guests to look at as possible.
2. Scarecrows must be **homemade**, using your own original creative ideas.
3. All scarecrows must be either seated or attached to a stand.
4. Please do not nail, tack or staple anything to the deck or the trees.
5. Scarecrows should be made of materials that can withstand the elements of wind and rain.
6. Each group may set up one (1) scarecrow and must fit in a 4' x 4' area.
7. Scarecrows must be at least 3' tall, and may not exceed 6' tall.
8. Please bring your own materials to secure and unload your scarecrow.
9. Make sure to clean up your space.
10. Gilroy Gardens is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

Group/Organization Name (Our Sign Shop will be making signs; please print exactly as you'd like it to be written.):

Your Group is registering as a:

School Business Club Other: _____

Group Contact: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

What type of Scarecrow will you be making?

Hobbit Wizard Dwarf Elf
 Orc Other: _____ Any Available Creature

Set Up Date (4:00pm - 6:00 PM):

Mon Oct 26th Tues Oct 27th

Removal Date (4:00pm - 6:00 PM):

Mon Nov 30th Tues Dec 1st