



Elkhart County 4-H Fair Green Committee

Presents

2026



RECYCLED SCARECROW CONTEST for ELKHART COUNTY 4-H CLUBS

The contest is open to all Elkhart County 4-H Clubs. Each club may submit one entry. **All entries must be made from at least 75% recycled materials.** The Scarecrows will be on display during the Fair on the south side of the ECCC.

Prizes will be awarded to club entries as follows:

- 1st Place - \$250.00
- 2nd Place - \$175.00
- 3rd Place - \$150.00
- President's Choice - \$75.00

Each club that participates will receive \$50.00 to help defray cost for their entry.

Guidelines for the contest:

1. **Registration is required and must be received in the Fair Office no later than 5:00pm, Friday, July 6, 2026 or emailed to elkhartcountygreenfair@gmail.com by the same deadline. Late registration will not be accepted. Please note, this is a fair sponsored contest.**
2. **Your Club's Scarecrow must have some resemblance to a "Scarecrow."**
3. The 2026 Fair Theme is "Driven by Purpose, Powered by Community," **must be** incorporated in some way into your Scarecrow.
4. Size of the entry can be no larger than 5 ft long, 4 ft wide and 7 ft tall. Scarecrows must be free standing. A metal T-post may be driven into the ground to stabilize your scarecrow. Digging a support into the ground is prohibited.
5. **At least 75% of the materials** used to construct your scarecrow must be repurposed or recycled items. (Old or used, could be bound for the trash, could be obtained at a resale shop, etc.) The base or stand can be new so the exhibit will be stable. Make sure all parts of the scarecrow are securely attached. Also, make sure your Scarecrow will withstand the weather.
6. **Do not include your Club's name on the Scarecrow. The Green Committee will provide signage after judging.**
7. Electricity and water will not be available for your display. You may use solar/battery power. If batteries are used they must be contained within the display and housed in a safe manner not accessible to the public. Displays cannot contain a burning flame.
8. The Contest is limited by imagination only. Scarecrows must be in good taste and 4-H Fair appropriate. **Purchased Scarecrows and those that reflect controversial social, political, cultural or religious situations will not be accepted.** Also, usage of the 4-H Clover, needs to follow the Clover usage requirements.

9. **The attached description page is required.** You may include it with your Club's registration, or you may submit it when you place your Scarecrow on July 21. Judges will look at it during judging. The page needs to include what you used that was recycled/reused. Also, include several photos (3+) of the construction process. If you deliver the registration and information page in person or mail them to the Fair Office, please make sure they are kept together in an envelope. If emailing, make sure to send all pages and pictures.
10. Entries will be judged based on design; incorporation of fair theme; appearance; creativity; use of recycled/reused materials and overall quality.
11. **Your Scarecrow needs to be placed July 21 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.** A location number will be assigned to your Club based on the information provided on the registration. (The Green Committee will email the location number to the email address provided on your registration.) All 4-H Club locations will be on the south side of the ECCC.
12. Judging will be done on Wednesday and the winners will be announced during the Green Day Event on Friday, July 24. (Winning Clubs will receive their prize money after the Fair.) Scarecrows will remain on display for the duration of the fair.
13. **Your Scarecrow should be removed starting Sunday, August 2 thru Wednesday, August 5.** Any Scarecrow remaining after these days will become the property of the Fair Green Committee and may be used as the Committee and Fair see fit.
14. The Green Committee and the Fair Board are not responsible for loss or damage to entries.
15. The Green Committee and Fair Board reserve the right to deny any entry that does not follow the guidelines.

Good Luck to all Participating 4-H Clubs,

Elkhart County 4-H Fair 2026
 Green Committee
elkhartcountygreenfair@gmail.com

2026 Elkhart County 4-H Fair Theme



Special Note: Since a 4-H Clover is part of this year's Fair Theme, use of the clover must conform to National 4-H Guidelines. The clover must appear upright. The whole emblem must be used. The shape cannot be altered and nothing can be placed on top of it. Clover leaves are Green (PMS 347) or the RGB equivalent. The "H"s are capitals and white. The USC code "18USC707" must be included parallel to the bottom right leaf of the clover.

Example:



4-H Club Recycled Scarecrow Contest - 2026

Registration Form

Registration is required and must be received in the Elkhart County 4-H Fair Office **no later than, Friday, July 6, 2026 or **emailed** to elkhartcountygreenfair@gmail.com by the same deadline. Late registration will not be accepted.**

Please print.

4-H Club Name: _____

4-H Club Leader: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____

Contact No: _____ - _____ - _____ Cell or Landline

(Please Note: The above information will be used to send the winning Clubs their checks.)

Approximate size of your Scarecrow: _____ x _____ x _____
(Length x width x height)

The Green Committee and Fair has my permission to use our photo(s) (youth & adults) of our entry for promotion of Green Day and Fair events. (Includes print and electronic media.)
If we fail to claim our Scarecrow entry by Wednesday, August 5, we understand that it will become a donation to the Green Day Committee/Fair for their use.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
4-H Club Leader

Please return this registration and description to: **Green Day
Elkhart County 4-H Fair
17746 D County Road 34
Goshen, IN 46528**

or email the forms to: elkhartcountygreenfair@gmail.com Questions can also be directed to the same email. Leave a contact number and we will call you.

Jan Robinson
Green Committee, Chairperson
Elkhart County 4-H Fair 2026

2026 Elkhart County 4-H Fair sponsored event.

Committee Use:

Location No: _____

Placing: _____

4-H Club Recycled Scarecrow Contest Description/Information

(Must be included with your 4-H Club's Registration or submitted at the Fair Office when you place your Club's Scarecrow on Tuesday, July 21 by 6 p.m.)

4-H Club Name: _____

1. How did the Club arrive at the design?

2. What recycled/reused/repurposed material/items were used?

3. What items were new?

4. How many members of the 4-H Club participated in building the Scarecrow? _____

!!! Remember to include your pictures!!!

Committee Use: Location No: _____
