

Celebrate ACE's 5th Annual

Scarecrow Festival

October 14-28, 2017



Dear Friends,

Andover Coalition for Education (ACE) invites your organization to create a scarecrow for ACE's 5th Annual Scarecrow Festival. This year's community event will take place downtown along Main Street from **Saturday, October 14 - Saturday, October 28**. The cost to participate is a \$50 participation fee, which includes a bag of hay and the wooden frame required to make your scarecrow. Additionally, a portion of the fee will also go to support the Andover Public Schools.

Our theme this year is inspired by Andover Historical Society's upcoming art exhibit, PLACES: *A juried art show inspired by Andover's special places* (www.andoverhistorical.org/places). You are welcome to create a scarecrow that represents a favorite place in Andover or one that is inspired by your organization. We encourage you to be creative as you create your scarecrow masterpiece. Making a scarecrow provides a fun, hands-on, team-building learning project and we hope your group will enjoy the opportunity to construct your very own original scarecrow!

ACE will be working on community events throughout the Festival to highlight the scarecrows and celebrate our schools. Thank you for participating in this Andover tradition.

Here's what you need to know:

- Wood frame pieces and a bag of hay will be provided and delivered by ACE. Delivery will take place during the first few weeks of September. Hay is not allowed inside school buildings (per request of the Andover Fire Chief.) In addition to hay, groups can use plastic bags filled with paper, newspapers and other recyclable material to stuff their scarecrows.
- Scarecrows must be sturdy, weather-proof and wind-proof. Any paper items should be laminated to withstand all weather elements. The design must allow for the scarecrow to be attached to the light pole using **sturdy string or heavy-duty plastic tie-wraps (24" or longer)**. ACE will provide each group two plastic tie-wraps per scarecrow. Duct tape is not allowed per order of the Andover Fire Chief.
- Each scarecrow will be assigned to a light pole on Main Street. Groups will hang their scarecrows during the afternoons of Thursday, October 12th and Friday, October 13th at times convenient for each team. ACE will release light pole assignments by Wednesday, October 11th. All scarecrows must be placed on poles by Saturday, October 14th. ACE representatives will be available for assistance in the afternoon of the 12th and 13th – exact times are TBD.
- Each group shall design and/or create the clothing for its scarecrow to express a theme. See attached sheet with instructions for how to make a scarecrow. Each group should also attach a **laminated sign** (5"x7") with scarecrow's name, organization's name, and theme (see attached form).
- ACE will auction off each scarecrow using an online auction website to raise additional money for our schools. Please let us know if we CAN NOT auction off your scarecrow to benefit ACE. Please make sure that any items that are placed on the scarecrow are items that you do not want returned.

Please contact Jennifer Srivastava as soon as possible with the following information:

- ★ The **name** of your group participating and the **email address** or contact information
- ★ The **date and place** that you wish to receive your scarecrow materials
- ★ Please make \$50 check payable to ACE/ECCF and
mail to: ACE, P.O. Box 1521, Andover, MA 01810

Thank you for participating in this annual event. Enjoy!!

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