

# Oconee Bale Trail

Greater Westminster Area Chamber  
and The West Oak FFA



**What?** A countywide contest for decorations made mainly of hay, straw, gourds, pumpkins, cornstalks, fall flowers, or similar material

**Why?** To encourage those driving to the mountains to visit Oconee.

**Who?** Any individual, farm, group, business, church, or organization.



## How will the contest work?

1. Place a decoration in an outdoor location open to the public.
2. Notify us of the location, and a brief description.
3. We will map the locations, publish on the Internet, and distribute throughout the county. Decorations should be available from October until November 15.



**How will it be judged?** Exhibits will be judged based on creativity, originality, popular appeal, percentage of natural materials, reusability of materials, and other factors.



**What Qualifies?** Any decoration made principally of hay, straw or other natural materials. Frequently these are large round hay bales but they can be the rectangular bales, bound straw, plastic wrapped bales, or even loose straw, gourds, pumpkins, cornstalks, fall flowers, or similar material. Use your imagination. Creativity is the key factor. Paint, lettering, and additional materials may be used. Organizations may want to construct something representative of their group. Decorations principally a sign for a business are NOT allowed.



**When will it be judged?** Judging will take place October 22-29. Winners will be announced at "Boo on Main" in Westminster October 31. **Prizes** will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place.



## Need hay or straw?

Oconee F & G - Straw - 638-5116  
Oakway F & G - Straw/Hay - 972-8900  
Hunters Farm Supply - Hay - 647-8399  
Oakway Farm Supply - Round Bales 972-3770

## Want to donate prizes or prize money or help in other ways?

Call the Westminster Chamber  
(864) 647-5316