

YOU asked..... WE answered!

“How many volunteer hours go into Corn Carnival each year?”

We answered:

WOW!! Where does one start on answering this one? Sitting here writing our FAQ series and spending four hours already on just Corn Carnival stuff this morning, it could be a mind boggling total before I come up with an answer. The Corn Carnival Corporation of approximately 18 people meet monthly from September thru June for approximately 2 hours to plan for the following year. That is 360 hours of just preparation as a group! Plus each event chairperson(s) also puts in several hours on their own just getting volunteers & making sure the event is ready to go. Some involve travel to get supplies or awards, securing financial sponsors, running the event during Carnival, etc. Let's estimate 24 events/committees with several volunteers helping at each one at 10 hours each. That is another 900 plus hours!! Now let's throw in the time to secure donations, distribute advertising, send thank you's, get all the bleachers, seats & food tents set up, pay bills & keep track of expenses, AND then come back to finish all the clean up, tear down, and store items for another year. Let's estimate another 500 hours on the conservative side. And the list could go on if you include float building, working in the food stand, selling shirts, etc. That is a **WHOLE LOT** of volunteer hours!!! The people of Gladbrook and our area recruits are a **GREAT** group of people who help make this annual event happen year after year, this being the 95th Gladbrook Corn Carnival. *Sky High @ 95!*