

Hunter Brothers Farm

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Get Lost in Space here on Earth

Hunter Brothers Farm has created yet another “out of this world” corn maze. This year, their annual 6-acre labyrinth pays homage to three spatial anniversaries: the 20th anniversary of the International Space Station, the 50th anniversary of the debut of Stanley Kubrick’s epic sci-fi film *2001: A Space Odyssey*, and the 60th anniversary of the Avro Arrow’s first flight. Usually the Hunter family has little problem deciding on which special event to honour but 2018 proved to be challenging as all these commemorations fell on the same year. To resolve the problem, they chose to represent all three in their maze design with an encompassing theme of “Lost in Space”.

“We generally have three criteria when choosing a maze theme,” explained Chip Hunter, the elder of the Hunter Brother duo. “First of all we like to celebrate an anniversary, secondly it should have a Canadian connection, and lastly it needs to have a really great image that resonates with people.” With this theme picked, the next challenge was to decide upon the design. “The likenesses for both the International Space Station and the Avro Arrow were easy to select but the graphic for *2001: A Space Odyssey*, was a little more problematic. With advice from Dustin Peterson, their graphic designer from AND Communication, we chose the space station which was featured on the movie’s release poster” Hunter added.

This “Lost in Space” design joins last year’s Toronto Maple Leaf maze, their Toronto Blue Jays maze, as well as other sports legends Terry Fox, Patrick Roy, and Secretariat, who have all been commemorated in corn. Chip and Tom Hunter love doing their maze and look forward to seeing the results of their hard work. “It’s a huge relief to finally see the aerial photo of the maze. This year, we were a little worried with the effects of a very dry summer but after we got some much needed rain, we could watch the corn grow,” said Chip.

The maze contains a multiple choice trivia game for science and film buffs to test their knowledge. There are ten question stations to find, hidden throughout the maze. Each station has two questions: one for novices (“Stargazer”) and one for experts (“Astronomer”). On the observation bridge in the maze, there are an additional two trivia activities: matching facts about Canadian astronauts and matching the origin of planet names.

Hunter Brothers invite fans of all ages to join in the celebration of these three spatial anniversaries. The corn maze and Hunter Brothers’ Field of Fun is open every weekend and holiday Monday from September 8th until October 28th. For more information, consult their website at www.hunterbrothersfarm.ca or their HunterBrothersFarm Facebook page.