

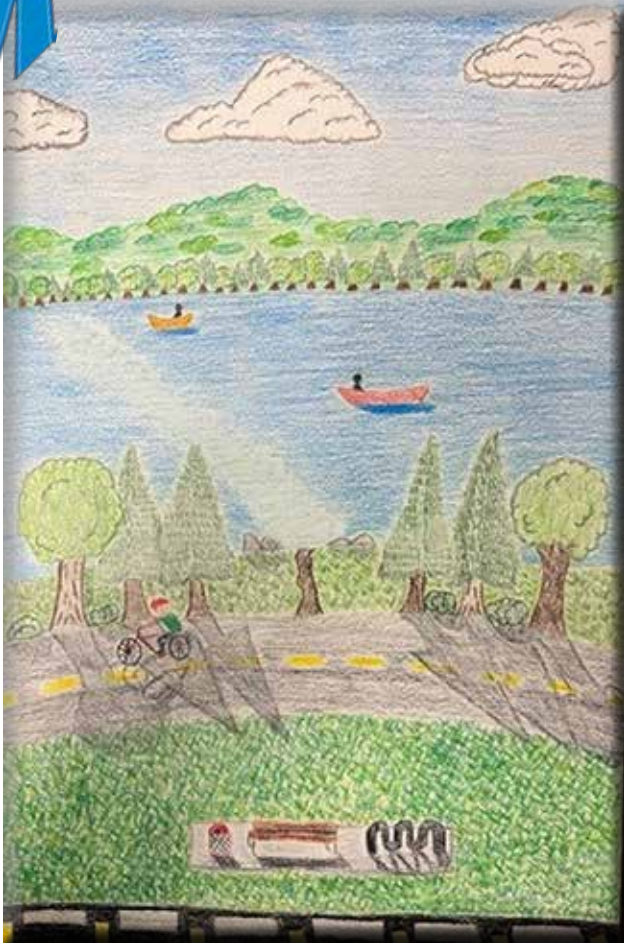
2025 Poster Contest Winners

"Things Pennsylvania State Parks Protect"

1st

Senior 1st Place Winner

Jackson Sauders – Lawrence County



1st Place

Jackson Sauders

Moraine State Park
Butler County, PA.

The park provides protection for numerous wildlife, vegetation, and natural resources. Some examples are white-tailed deer, mallard ducks, squirrels, and many other species of mammals and birds.

2nd

Senior 2nd Place Winner

Michael McCosby – Lawrence County



2nd Place

Michael McCosby

McConnel's Mill State Park
Lawrence County, PA.

The park provides protection and habitat for our national bird, the Bald Eagle. It also includes the iconic mill next to a waterfall and river surrounded by large rocks.

Senior 3rd Place Winner
Shilo Meyer – Lawrence County

3rd

3rd Place

Shilo Meyer

Ohiopyle State Park
Fayette County, PA.

The park protects things like wildlife and ecosystems including the natural water flow, deer, birds, and various plants and animals around the area.



2025 Junior Poster Contest Winners

"Things Pennsylvania State Parks Protect"

Junior 1st Place Winner
Rebekah Pardoe, Butler County



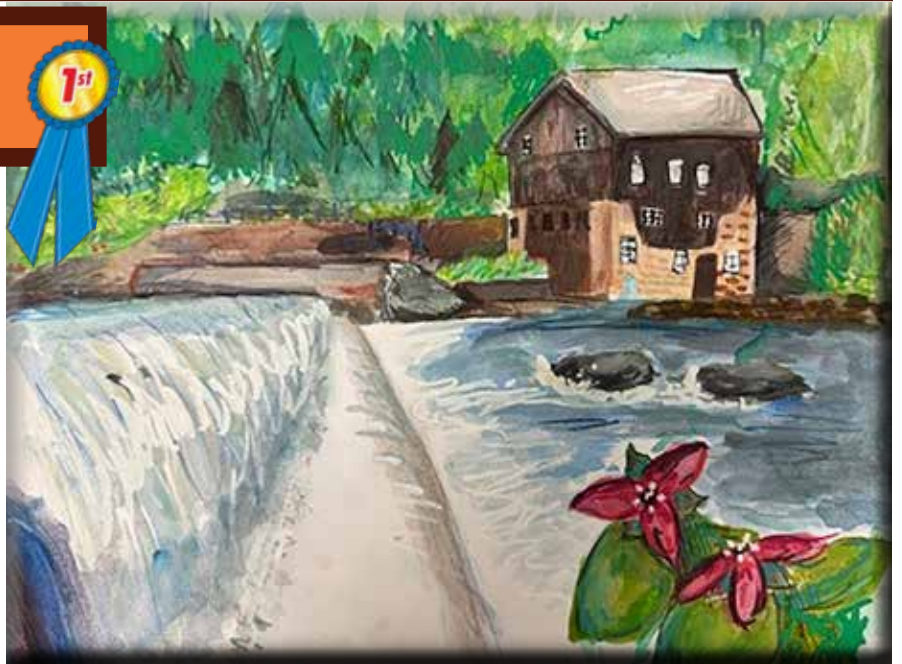
1st Place

Rebekah Pardoe

McConnell's Mills State Park

Lawrence County, PA

The park protects historical buildings, plants and wildlife.



Junior 2nd Place Winner

Malea Daugherty – Lawrence County

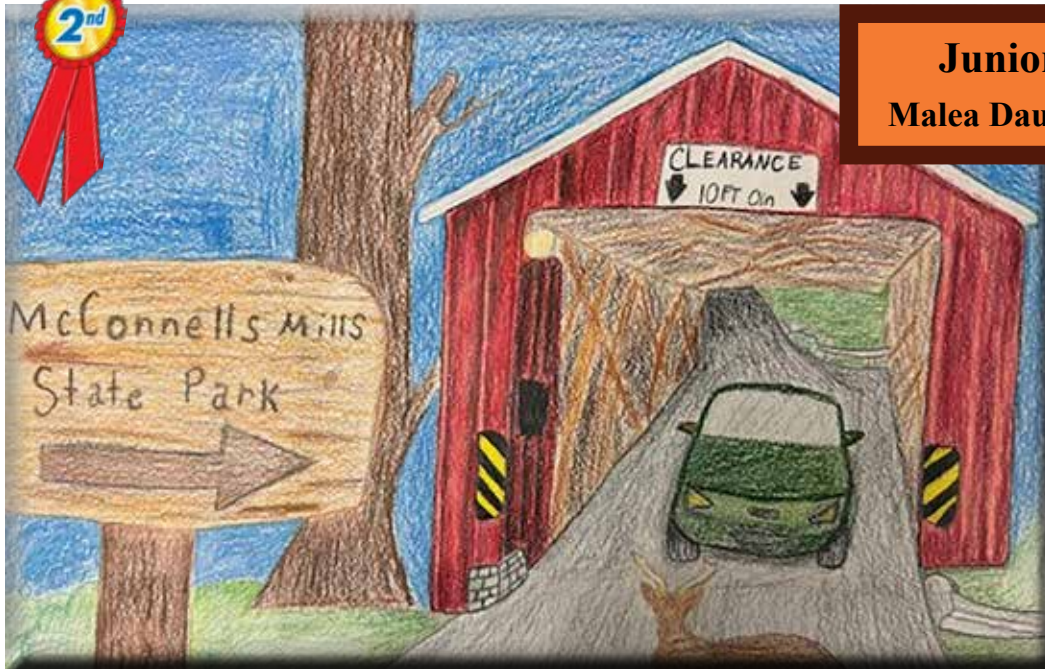
2nd Place

Malea Daugherty

McConnell's Mills State Park

Lawrence County, PA

The park provides a home to deer, bear, squirrels, skunks, chimpanzees and many more mammals and birds.



Junior 3rd Place Winner
Avery Maggie – Lawrence County



3rd Place

Avery Maggie

Keystone State Park

Westmoreland County, PA

The park protects trees, land, wildlife and water resources.



2026 Photo Contest
Theme: Pennsylvania Pollinators

2025 Sub-Junior Poster Contest Winner "Things Pennsylvania State Parks Protect"

Sub-Junior 1st Place Winner

Lila Bender – Snyder County



1st Place

Lila Bender

Little Buffalo State Park
Perry County, PA

The park has a special butterfly garden to help protect butterflies. Our state parks are essential for providing protection for our state's heritage and natural habitats.

Sub-Junior 2nd Place Winner

Rhett Bender – Northumberland County



2nd Place

Rhett Bender

Pennsylvania State Parks

Our state parks protect our state's history, beauty, animals and their homes. They also protect places where we can spend time outdoors with our families.

3rd Place

Milla Lippman

Pennsylvania State Parks

Our state parks protect wildlife.

Sub-Junior 3rd Place Winner

Milla Lippman – Lawrence County



2026 Photo Contest Theme: Pennsylvania Pollinators

The 2026 Contest will be a **PHOTO** only contest. All photos must be submitted electronically to info@pfsc.org (Some counties may still hold poster contests).

Details below

**2025 Photo Contest Winner
"Things Pennsylvania State
Parks Protect"**

**Sub-Junior 1st Place
Caleb Pardoe – Butler County**



McConnell's Mills State Park - Farmers once used this mill to grind oats, wheat, corn and buckwheat. There is also a covered bridge and hiking trails.

**2026 Photo Contest Theme
"Pennsylvania Pollinators"**

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The Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen & Conservationists (PFSC) and the Pennsylvania Wildlife Federation (PWF) Invites Youth to Share their Love and Connection with the Outdoors through Photography in the Annual Art Contest.

The Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen & Conservationists and the Pennsylvania Wildlife Federation host a uniquely themed wildlife contest each year. This contest is not just about winning, but about encouraging creative expression and fostering an appreciation and understanding of the outdoor world. It's open to all school-aged children in grades 4-12 who live in Pennsylvania, regardless of whether they attend public, private, or home schools. Entries will be judged against others in the same age group. Through these contests, we aim to inspire our youth to delve deeper into the wonders of Pennsylvania's wildlife, fisheries, and natural resources.

2026 Theme: "Pennsylvania's Pollinators"

Pollinators are essential for the health of our environment, aiding in the reproduction of flowering plants and the production of many crops.

This year's theme, "Pennsylvania's Pollinators", is a powerful reminder of the crucial role our pollinators play in preserving our ecosystem.

Do you know how many types of pollinators are native to Pennsylvania? When we think of pollinators, butterflies are what usually come to mind. But what else is considered a pollinator? When are they most active? What will happen if our pollinators disappear? What is causing the demise of our native pollinators? What do you see in your backyard resulting from a pollinator?

For this year's contest, we are looking for depictions of Pennsylvania's Pollinators and the results of their work.

Get Excited, Get Involved, Get Outside! By looking closer at nature, and learning more about pollinators, you will see how conservation efforts promote and protect our natural resources and how you can make your neighborhood a better place to live so you can enjoy the outdoors in your backyard.

All photos and entry forms must be submitted electronically.

A link to entry forms, rules, deadlines and instructions can be found at <https://pawildlife.org/art-contest>

"Conservation is our obligation to the future of Pennsylvania!"