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On the Front Lines – So You Can Be in the Woods, On the Water or At the Range



## 2023 Poster/Photo Contest Theme “Rediscovering the Great Outdoors”

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**Call for Posters and Photos**

### The Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen & Conservationists and the Pennsylvania Wildlife Federation Invites Youth to Share their Love of the Outdoors through Art and Photography in the Annual Art Poster & Photo Contest

Each year the Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen & Conservationists and the Pennsylvania Wildlife Federation invites students in grades 4-12 to participate in its poster and photo contest to encourage creative expression and an appreciation and understanding of the outdoor world. The contests are open to school-aged children in grades 4-12 who live in Pennsylvania. Entries will compete against others in the same age group. Youngsters can be attending public, private or home schools. Questions about the contest or for information on rules and how to enter? Contact the PFSC/PWF office at (717) 232-3480 or [susan@pfsc.org](mailto:susan@pfsc.org).

***We hope to encourage our youth to learn more about Pennsylvania’s wildlife, fisheries, and natural resources through these contests.***

### **This year’s theme: “Rediscovering the Great Outdoors”**

Social distancing, lockdowns and closures from the COVID pandemic changed how we all function in our daily routines and activities. Many families looked to the outdoors as their method of beating cabin fever and getting out of the house. For this year’s contest, we are looking for depictions of how you, your family and your friends **rediscovered the great outdoors** during COVID social distancing restrictions.

What types of outdoor recreation did you participate in to beat lockdowns? Hiking, biking, canoeing, hunting, trapping, fishing? Were the activities new to you?

**Get Excited, Get Involved, Get Outside!** By looking closer at nature, 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.

A link to entry forms, rules, deadlines and instructions, can be found at <http://www.pawildlife.org>

*“Conservation is our obligation to the future of Pennsylvania!”*

## PFSC/PWF POSTER & PHOTO CONTEST OFFICIAL RULES

**If you like to draw, you can depict your submission as an artwork poster.** Entries in the Art Poster Contest must be on 11" x 17" poster board, and the exact words of the theme must appear on the poster as part of the artwork. Artwork must illustrate the current year's theme. Artists can be creative with whatever art material they choose, such as watercolor, oil or acrylic paints, crayons or (well-fixed) chalk.

**Only one entry per student.**

**If you like to take photographs, you can depict your submission in a photo.** Photographs entered must be 8" x 10", color or black and white and be unframed. All submissions must be original photographs - no retouching or electronic enhancement. No trail cam photos are allowed. Photos must have been taken in Pennsylvania between March 2022 – February 2023 by the person entering the contest. **Only one entry per student.**

**Include the Artist Contact Form with your poster or photo (see below), including a brief typed interpretation of how your outdoor depiction relates to the contest theme.** Tape the form to the back of the poster or photo. Submissions will be judged on the artwork or photo **and** the brief Interpretation of how the poster or photo depicts the theme.

Prizes at the State Level for each category - Senior (grades 10-12), Junior (grades 7-9), and Sub-junior (grades 4-6): First Place - \$75, Second Place - \$60, and Third Place - \$50. Prizes for poster submissions may also be awarded at the County and Division levels.

**DEADLINE:** The deadline for most county poster submissions is January 1. **Posters and photos may also be submitted directly to the state office by March 1.** (Submission is not required at the county level to enter the state level.) Contact the PFSC office at (717) 232-3480 or [susan@pfsc.org](mailto:susan@pfsc.org) to find your county delegate's name and contact info if you would like to submit posters at the county level.

### **POSTER & PHOTO CONTEST RULES**

1. Size of Poster: 11 x 17 inches - Poster Board Only
2. Size of Photo: 8 x 10 (Unframed)
3. No artist's name shall appear on the front of the poster or photo
4. Poster theme: The exact words of the current theme must appear on the poster as part of the artwork
5. The Artist Contact Form (see below) with a short **typed** interpretation must be attached to the back of the poster or photo
6. Poster materials: oil paints, watercolors, crayons or (well-fixed) chalk
7. Posters and photos must be the original work of the artist, drawn/taken between March 2021-February 2022, and will be judged on both the artwork or photo **and** the brief typed Interpretation about how the poster or photo depicts the theme
8. One submission per person – either photo or poster. An individual may not submit both.
9. Submitted posters and photographs will become the property of the PFSC. However, every effort will be made to return the posters and photos to the artists. Submission implies permission to share winning entries in PFSC publications and online.
10. Posters and photos will be judged at the following levels: Senior (grades 10-12), Junior (grades 7-9), and Sub-junior (grades 4-6)

Winners will be announced at the PFSC's spring meeting in March. Winning entries will be displayed at the event, published in the PFSC/PWF official publication and on the PWF website, and may be used throughout the year at other promotional events. Questions about the contest or for information on rules or how to enter, please contact the PFSC/PWF office at (717) 232-3480 or [susan@pfsc.org](mailto:susan@pfsc.org).

**POSTER/PHOTO CONTEST ARTIST CONTACT INFORMATION FORM:**

(Must be attached to the back of the poster or photo)

STUDENT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY DELEGATE (If known): \_\_\_\_\_

Your signature below verifies you understand that entries become the property of PWF and PFSC, and may be reproduced or published in print media or electronically, without additional compensation. Winning entries may also be displayed at other events. Efforts will be made to return entries to the artists. For a copy of the winners' list, please send your request via email to [susan@pfsc.org](mailto:susan@pfsc.org).

I certify that this is my original artwork: \_\_\_\_\_

Artist Signature

Date

**Artist's Interpretation: (Please attach a typed copy)**