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



2024 Poster/Photo Contest Theme “Native and Invasive”

For Immediate Release

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 catherine@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: “Native and Invasive”

When we take a walk, drive or bike through the beautiful Pennsylvania landscape, it is hard to imagine that some of the plants and animals thriving here don’t actually belong. From fish and snails to bugs and birds, there are many things that call Pennsylvania home, but is it their original home? Take a look around your yard, the roadside or a local creek and see if any of these everyday settings are home to native and/or invasive species.

What types of plants, animals or insects are native to Pennsylvania? What ones are invasive? What do these plants or animals look like, and what can we do about them?

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!”

Contest Details and Rules:

Only one entry per student – Artwork or Photography

Artwork Category: Drawings, including crayons, pastels, pencils, or (well-fixed) chalk and paintings, including watercolor, oil or acrylic paints, may be as small as 8” x 10” or as large as 11” x 17”. Any sizes below or exceeding these sizes will be disqualified. Entries in the Art Poster Contest must be original artwork illustrating the current year’s theme. Artists can be creative with whatever art material they choose, but collaged or coloring pages will be disqualified.

Photography Category: 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 2023 – February 2024 of the current contest year by the person entering the contest.

Artist Contact Form: Must be included with your poster or photo (see below). Tape the form to the back of the poster or photo.

Interpretation: Must include a brief typed interpretation (taped to the back of the poster or photo) of how your outdoor depiction relates to the contest theme. 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: Posters and photos may be submitted directly to the state office or to a county representative by March 1st.

POSTER & PHOTO CONTEST RULES

1. Posters: Size: 8 x 10 to 11 x 17
2. Photos: Size of Photo: 8 x 10 (Unframed).
3. No artist’s name shall appear on the front of the poster or photo.
4. Theme: Poster or Photo must depict the current theme.
5. The Artist Contact Form (see below) with the theme and a short, typed interpretation must be attached to the back of the poster or photo.
6. Poster materials: oil paints, acrylics, watercolors, crayons, pastels, pencils or (well-fixed) chalk
7. Posters and photos must be the original work of the artist, drawn/taken between March 2023 – February 2024, 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)
11. Winners will be notified by mail and will be announced at the PFSC’s spring meeting in March. Winners will be published in PFSC/PWF’s quarterly publication, The Conservation Lantern and on the PWF website and may be showcased throughout the year at other promotional events.

Questions about the contest or for information on rules or how to enter: (717) 232-3480 / catherine@pfsc.org

Submitting Posters/Photos:

Posters and Photos may be submitted to a local county delegate or directly to the state office.
Call or email us for county delegate contact information or submit directly to:

PFSC
2426 N 2nd St.
Harrisburg, PA 17110

Email: catherine@pfsc.org Phone: 717-232-3480

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 NAME:

PHONE:

COUNTY DELEGATE (If known):

Your signature below verifies that 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 catherine@pfsc.org.

I certify that this is my original artwork: _____
Artist Signature Date

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