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

2025 Poster/Photo Contest Theme: “Things Pennsylvania State Parks Protect”

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Call for Posters and Photos

The Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen & Conservationists and the Pennsylvania Wildlife Federation invite young artists and photographers to express their deep connection with the outdoors in the Annual Art Poster & Photo Contest. This is a unique opportunity for students to share their love for the outdoors through their art and photography.

Every year, the Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen & Conservationists and the Pennsylvania Wildlife Federation host a unique poster and photo contest. 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. For more information on the contest rules and how to enter, please contact the PFSC/PWF office at (717) 232-3480 or catherine@pfsc.org.

This year's theme: “Things Pennsylvania State Parks Protect”

Through these contests, we aim to inspire our youth to delve deeper into the wonders of Pennsylvania's wildlife, fisheries, and natural resources. This year's theme, "Things Pennsylvania State Parks Protect", is a powerful reminder of the crucial role our state parks play in preserving our natural heritage.

Pennsylvania State Parks protect man-made wonders, maintain historical sites, and harbor important habitats. Pennsylvania has a history as varied as the species found in the different kinds of habitats here. Can you believe the Kinzua Bridge Skywalk in Kinzua Bridge State Park, a 600-foot walk on support towers, was once a huge bridge that was partially destroyed by a tornado? Were you aware that Delaware Canal State Park has the only remaining continuously intact canal of the great towpath canal building era of the early and mid-19th century? Did you know that Gull Point in Presque Isle State Park is a notable birding location, and two pairs of federally endangered Great Lakes piping plovers returned in 2017 to nest there after having not been seen since the 1950s?

Get Excited, Get Involved, Get Outside - in our parks! Maybe there is a state park close to where you live, or you've driven across Pennsylvania to see the sites in another park. Think back to the parks you've visited or parks you'd like to see and the sites, landmarks, or habitats that make them special. Use your artwork to showcase one of Pennsylvania's State Parks and the things it protects.

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 ó Artwork or Photography

Artwork Category: Drawings, including crayons, pastels, pencils, or (well-fixed) chalk and paintings, including watercolor, oil or acrylic paints. Posters 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 2024 ó February 2025 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 ó 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 ó 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)