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“Fin-tastic” Trout-Themed T-Shirt Design Contest

Blue Ridge Mountains Arts Association & Blue Ridge Mountain Trout Unlimited announce the second annual Trout-themed T-Shirt Design Contest to create a unique and collectible event t-shirt for the 2026 Blue Ridge Trout and Outdoor Adventures Festival. The winning art will be reproduced on the front of the TROUT FEST '26 T-shirt, and used to create postcards that will be sold during the festival. The winning design will also receive a \$100 cash award. All accepted designs will be on display in the lobby of The Art Center during the festival.

Blue Ridge Mountain Arts Association and the Trout Fest are joining forces to conduct this “fin-tastic” contest to coincide with the 2026 Youth Art Month exhibition held at the Art Center in downtown Blue Ridge from February 26 – March 28, 2026.

THE TROUT FEST “FIN-TASTIC” CONTEST RULES

1. Eligibility is open to children and students of Fannin County, grades 5 –12 (*ages 9-18*).
2. Submitted original artwork **must be** outdoor recreation-themed, including but not limited to: fishing, hiking, mountain biking, boating, etc. (*Artwork should be a maximum size of 8” wide x 10.5” tall.*)
3. All participants artwork must be original designs produced by the artist submitting the work. Each entry must be original in concept, design, and execution and may not violate U.S. copyright laws. Any entry that has been copied from an existing photo or image (including a painting, graphics, or advertisement) that was created by someone other than the student is a violation of the competition rules and will not be accepted.
4. The artwork may not be A.I. generated
5. All artwork is limited to 2-D media; for example, painting, drawing, sketching.
6. Entry to the contest is free.
7. To participate, please complete the **Registration and Consent** form and attach your artwork.
8. Entries can be submitted by email as a digital file to artapps@brmaa.org, delivered in person, or mailed to: Trout Fest '26, The Art Center, 420 West Main Street, Blue Ridge, GA 30513 Attn: Kate DeLong.
9. DEADLINE: **All entries must be received by March 27, 2026.**
10. Entries will be judged on March 28 by the TROUT FEST organizing committee.



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Contest Registration & Consent Form

NAME: _____ AGE: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PARENT/GUARDIANS NAME: _____

PARENT/GUARDIANS TELEPHONE NUMBERS

WORK: _____ HOME: _____ CELL: _____

I hereby grant BRMAA & Blue Ridge Mountain Trout Unlimited #696, or its assignees, permission to use my child's artwork from the "Fin-tastic" Trout-Themed Art Contest for the purpose of illustration, publication, marketing, promotional or broadcast use. I understand that, at the BRMAA & Blue Ridge Mountain Trout Unlimited #696 discretion, the artwork may be released for use by television, radio, newspaper, magazine or other media outlets including the Web/Internet/Intranet and social media. I warrant to BRMAA & Blue Ridge Mountain Trout Unlimited #696 that the artwork is original on my child's part, and is in no way a violation of, or an infringement upon, any copyright belonging to any third party. I will indemnify and hold the BRMAA & Blue Ridge Mountain Trout Unlimited #696 harmless from any claims of infringement of copyright by any third party regarding the artwork. I accept that winning entry will be selected by a panel of BRMAA & Blue Ridge Mountain Trout Unlimited #696 judges. I agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the BRMAA & Blue Ridge Mountain Trout Unlimited #696. I acknowledge that in the event of a disagreement, the judges' decisions are final.

Parent or Guardian's Printed Name: _____

Parent or Guardian's Signature: _____

Please note: This completed form must accompany every contest entry.

Date: _____