



# Erie MetroParks & Firelands Audubon Society Ohio Wildlife Youth Art Contest Rules

# Please read the following rules for contest entry:

- Must be a Pre-K Grade 12 Erie or Huron County student in a public, private, or home school education group.
- Must depict a native plant or animal subject found in Ohio in their natural habitat.
- Students do not need a school sponsorship to enter. Parents or teachers may help students enter the contest.
- Any art medium can be used!
- Must be on paper for hanging and display purposes.
- Paper must be no smaller that 4x6 inches, and no larger than 18x24 inches in size.
- Entry form must be completed and taped or attached to the back of the artwork- please no names on front of entry.
- One entry per student.
- Entries will not be mailed back to you. You may collect your artwork after the Earth Day Extravaganza event at the Frost Center during regular business hours beginning Monday April 22. –
- Award winning art may be kept longer to be displayed.
- Teachers that submit multiple entries will have artwork returned to their school.

## Judging:

A panel of judges will rate art based on accurate interpretation of the Ohio Wildlife theme, level of creativity, originality, quality of the artwork, and artistic skill demonstrated.

# Awards:

Every entry will receive a printed participation certificate. Ribbons and prizes will be awarded to the top three entries in each age category. Ribbons will be awarded to an honorable mention in each category. One entry will be awarded a Best of Show ribbon and prize. Award winning art will participate in a four-week local library tour.

### **Art Show**

Saturday, April 20 at the Earth Day Extravaganza event at Osborn MetroPark from 11-3:00 p.m.

# **Art Contest Awards Ceremony**

Saturday, April 20 during the Earth Day Extravaganza event at 2:00 p.m. Winners will be contacted. Those unable to attend can pick up prizes at Frost Center the following week.

#### **Artwork as Notecards**

The Firelands Audubon Society will create Notecards from the winning artwork in each of the categories (1<sup>st</sup> place, 2<sup>nd</sup> place, 3<sup>rd</sup> place, and Honorable Mentions). These Notecards will become available later this year. They will be available for purchase at Osborn Fall Fest (Saturday, September 21) and other participating events through the Firelands Audubon Society. Contact Firelands Audubon Society via firelandsaudubon@gmail.com for more information.

Ready to enter? Download and print the contest entry form. Attach the form to the back of your artwork.

Entry form: <a href="https://eriemetroparks.org/ohio-wildlife-youth-art-contest/">https://eriemetroparks.org/ohio-wildlife-youth-art-contest/</a>

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Friday, April 5, 2024