

CALLING ALL YOUTH WILDLIFE ARTISTS - UTAH JUNIOR DUCK STAMP!

The Utah Junior Duck Stamp Program links the study of wetlands and waterfowl conservation with the creation of original artwork through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge will once again host the annual Utah Junior Duck Stamp Program. The deadline for submission is March 15, 2018.

There's still time to enter the Utah Junior Duck Stamp Program (JDS) contest. Any student, from kindergarten through grade 12, regardless of whether they attend public or private school or are home-schooled, can submit original artwork in this fun and educational competition. Even if students do not enter the art competition, the related information can serve as a valuable resource in art or science classrooms.

The JDS program links the study of wetlands and waterfowl conservation with the creation of original artwork. Students in grades K-12 learn about the habitat requirements of various kinds of ducks and geese and then express their knowledge of the beauty, diversity, and interdependence of these species artistically, by creating a drawing or painting which can be submitted to the JDS art contest. The art is judged in four age groups through a statewide competition; the entry judged Best of Show moves on to represent Utah in the national JDS competition. Art teachers, science teachers, and parents who home-school can visit the JDS website for entry information at <http://bit.ly/2Db4Kvc>

There is an opportunity for aspiring artists to see artwork from last year's contest. Winners of last year's competition will be on exhibit at Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge through March 31, 2018.

For more information, please contact Kathi Stopher, Utah JDS Coordinator at (435-734-6438, or Kathi_Stopher@fws.gov. Please mail all entries to Kathi Stopher @ 2155 West Forest Street, Brigham City, UT 84302. **DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS MARCH 15, 2018.**