

News Release

Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge

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YOUNG ARTISTS ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT ART FOR 2016 INTERNATIONAL MIGRATORY BIRD DAY CONTEST

Are you or someone you know a young, aspiring wildlife artist? If so, the staff from Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge invites you to enter your work in a children's art contest that will be held as part of the International Migratory Bird Day Celebration. The art contest, sponsored by the Historic Main Street Merchants Association, is open to: K - 2nd grades; 3rd - 5th grades; 6th - 8th grades, and 9th - 12th grades.

"The Historic Main Street Merchants are excited to be part of the celebration again this year," said President Jeanne Rose. "The Children's Art Contest is a great way to connect children with nature in our area and the beauty of birds."

According to Park Ranger Sally Bowden, first, second and third place winners in each age group will receive cash prizes donated by Tommy Clark, owner of Don's Seafood Restaurant. All entries must be an original drawing of a migratory bird that can be seen at the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge.

This is a freestyle art contest. Your drawing may be done in pencil, ink, crayon, paint or some other medium of your choosing. We welcome your refined doodle and your creative scribble as well. There aren't any size requirements and the picture should not be framed. Be sure to include the Entry Form below on the back of your drawing.

Entries should be mailed or delivered to the Comfort Suites, 4195 Main Street, Chincoteague, VA 23336 on or before April 29, 2016. The artwork will be on display in the classroom of the Herbert H. Bateman and Educational Center during the celebration. Winners will be notified by May 6th, and prizes will be presented on May 14th at noon during the celebration in the auditorium of the Herbert H. Bateman Educational and Administrative Center at the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge.

Any questions, please call Sally Bowden at the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge 757-336-6122 x 2314.

Student Art Contest
Entry Form

Full Name _____
Address _____
Home Phone number _____
Grade _____ School _____

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