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California Wildlife Day Art and Poetry Contest

Virtual Celebration

March 20-21, 2021

Sponsored by the Carmel River Watershed Conservancy & Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District

Details: We invite your digital entries--original art or poems featuring your vision of CA Wildlife and your community. We encourage entries that feature endangered and threatened species in California, and speak to the theme of resilience or adaptation.

Entries for poems should describe one of the following:

- 1) *Your relationship to wildlife in CA*
- 2) *Life from the point of view of a native species*

*(You may also read your poem at the event.
Please indicate if you would like to do so.)*

Entries for art should depict one of the following:

- 1) *Landscape with CA wildlife*
- 2) *Endangered or threatened species in CA*
- 3) *Our changing climate & adaptation of wildlife.*

Deadline: March 14th, 2021

The contest is free!

Rules and Guidelines

1. The California Wildlife Day contest is open to K-12 grade enrolled students, ages 5-19.
2. All entries must be accompanied by the student's name, grade, school name, title of artwork or poem, and category in which the work is being submitted.
3. Guidelines for poetry
 - a. All poems must be original work. Poetry submissions must be either typed or legibly written in ink (not pencil).
 - b. Poems should not exceed 1 page of standard letter paper (8 ½" x 11").
4. Guidelines for artwork
 - a. All artwork must be original work.
 - b. Artwork dimensions should be in standard sizes, recommended 8 ½" x 11", not to exceed 11" x 17". Acceptable media types are paint, pencil, markers, ink, crayon, watercolor, or mixed media.
5. Digital submissions for poetry & artwork will be accepted **between January 12, 2021 through March 14, 2021 through email or submission form - <https://forms.gle/b5mgiWwjvja5DPLt8>**
6. All entries must be delivered by the **DEADLINE: March 14, 2021**. Unfortunately, we cannot accept late entries.
7. **Submissions will be exhibited for CA Wildlife Day Virtual Celebration online March 20-21, 2021**. Every effort will be made to display as many submissions as possible. However, due to display area limitations, not all artwork may be exhibited.
8. Digital submissions will **not** be returned.
9. Through submission of poetry or artwork, contestants and their legal guardians grant non exclusive reproduction and publication rights to the works submitted.
10. Judging will occur prior to exhibition. Winners announced and prizes awarded at the end of the event – students will be emailed.

Thanks for your participation in our annual California Wildlife Day Art & Poetry Contest!