



WILDLIFE Under the Water Art Contest *Students help celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway*

- **Open to all Rivers Are Alive Field Trip Participants in 2017.**
- **Juried by the National Park Service, St. Croix River Association, and The Phipps Center for the Arts.**
- **Winning artwork is displayed at the St. Croix River Visitor Center during 2018.**
- **Prizes for top three winners in grades 3 - 5.**
- **Contest is open from October 1, 2017 to March 1, 2018.**
- **Acceptable Art: 2-dimensional paintings, drawings, mixed media, or digital art.**

Teacher Information

Students who participated in Rivers Are Alive Field trips are eligible for the contest. You must **register** your class to participate online at: <http://www.stcroixriverassociation.org/river-connections>. Once registered you will receive mailing labels to attach to each piece of student artwork for your class or group of students that are participating in the contest.

Your students have the opportunity to help other people understand what is under the surface of St. Croix and Namekagon rivers and their connections to the “WILDLIFE Under the Water” through creative depictions of what they experienced. Winning artwork will bring attention to environmental education and the 50th Anniversary at America’s first Wild and Scenic River National Park.

Submit artwork by mailing or bringing it to the St. Croix River Association located at P.O. Box 655, 230 S. Washington St., Unit 1, St. Croix Falls, WI 54024, no later than 5:00 pm on March 1, 2018.

Official Rules

1. **Eligibility:** students must be grades 3 - 5 and a 2017 Rivers Are Alive program participant.
2. **Register:** Register your class or group of students online to participate in the art contest by providing your name and contact information for notification of potential winners and events associated with the art contest.
3. **Entries:** Limit is one entry per student. Entries cannot contain any offensive, threatening, or inappropriate images or language. All entries must be submitted to the St. Croix River Association at the address above no later than 5:00 pm on March 1, 2018.
4. **Size of Art:** All artwork must be 2-dimensional and submitted on paper no larger than 24 inches x 36 inches.
5. **Art Medium:** Artwork may be created using any of the following: pastels, crayon, watercolor, paint, colored pencil, marker, printmaking, or flat collage. An original verse or stewardship messages may be included as part of the artwork.

Display of Art & Selection of Winners

1. Entries will be judged by representatives from the National Park Service, the St. Croix River Association, and The Phipps Center for the Arts during Earth Week and announced on Friday, April 20, 2018.

2. Nine prizes will be awarded; three awards per grade level with Grand Prize, Second Prize and Third Prize categories. Prizes will be hand-delivered to winners at their school by a National Park Ranger and a staff person from the St. Croix River Association.

3. All contest participants will be acknowledged and thanked for their participation.

4. A gallery of winning student artwork will be displayed throughout the summer of 2018 at the St. Croix River Visitor Center, 401 N. Hamilton St., St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin.

5. Artwork will be mailed back to participating teachers at the end of the summer season.

Publicity Release

Participation in this contest and/or acceptance of a prize constitutes permission for the National Park Service and the St. Croix River Association to use, without notice or further compensation, worldwide and in perpetuity any eligible

participant's art entry or photo of the art entry for any purpose as well as in, on or in connection with the National Park Service or the St. Croix River Association website or the contest or other promotions, and eligible participant hereby release the contest entities from any liability with respect thereto.

About the 50th Anniversary

The St. Croix National Scenic Riverway was established when President Lyndon Johnson signed the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act on October 2, 1968. Of the eight rivers originally designated by the act, only the St. Croix and Namekagon were assigned to be managed by the National Park Service,

becoming America's first Wild and Scenic River National Park.

The purpose of this national park is to preserve, protect, and enhance the values of the St. Croix and Namekagon rivers and their immediate environment for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations.

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