

# News Release

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<u>Artwork entry form</u>: <u>http://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/environmental-management/files/EarthDay-</u> <u>Art-Contest-Flyer-2016.pdf</u>

# Students Asked to Submit Artwork for Earth Day 2016 Contest

17<sup>th</sup> Annual Charleston County Earth Day Festival scheduled for Saturday, April 23, at Riverfront Park in North Charleston

<u>Charleston County Government's Environmental Management Department</u> is once again asking students in kindergarten through twelfth grade to submit artwork for the 2016 Charleston County <u>Earth Day Festival</u> design contest. The deadline to submit artwork is **4 p.m. on Friday, March 18, 2016**.

The theme this year is "Be Earth Smart."

The grand prize winning artwork will be printed on the official festival t-shirts, as well as framed and presented at the Charleston County Earth Day Festival on Saturday, April 23rd, at <u>Riverfront Park in North Charleston</u>.

### **Contest submission rules**

- Entries must be submitted by 4 p.m. on Friday, March 18, 2016.
- The image should convey the theme of the Earth Day Festival "Be Earth Smart."
- Students must be residents of Charleston County and must be in kindergarten through twelfth grade.
- Only one entry can be submitted per student.
- Entries can be mailed or hand-delivered to the Charleston County Recycling Center Attn: Kathy Kowalchick, 13 Romney Street, Charleston, SC 29403
- Submissions to the contest will become the property of Charleston County's Environmental Management Department.

### **Entry Specifications**

- The art must be the student's original work.
- The two-dimensional image should not be larger than 8½ inches x 11 inches in size. Artwork can be in color or black and white.
- Students must attach a sheet of paper to their work listing their name; home address/city/state/zip; student's
  phone number; student/parent email; school name; teacher's name; teacher's email; student's grade; and
  student's age. Students must provide all information requested to be eligible to win.
- First, second, and third place winners from each grade level category (K-6 and 7-12) will be recognized. A separate grand prize winner will have his or her artwork printed on the official festival t-shirt and will have their artwork framed and presented at the Charleston County Earth Day Festival on Saturday, April 23rd, at <u>Riverfront</u> <u>Park in North Charleston</u>.
- For the K-6 grade level category, the first place winner will receive a \$50 gift card from Wonder Works, the second place winner will receive a \$30 gift card from Wonder Works, and the third place winner will receive a \$20 gift card from Wonder Works. For the 7-12 grade level category, the first place winner will receive a \$50 Visa gift card, the second place winner will receive a \$30 Visa gift card, and the third place winner will receive a \$20 Visa gift card.
- The grand prize winner will receive a \$100 gift card from Wonder Works (grades K-6) OR a \$100 Visa gift card (grades 7-12). The grand prize winner's artwork will serve as the design for the official festival T-shirt, which will be sold at the event.
- Artwork from all winners will be displayed at the Earth Day Festival.

Charleston County's 2016 Earth Day Festival will be held on Saturday, April 23, a day after the National Earth Day celebration which is observed annually on April 22. Earth Day was established as a national holiday in 1970, and is now celebrated by over a half-billion people around the world.

For more information about this year's Charleston County Earth Day Festival or the art contest, visit the Charleston County website at <u>recycle.charlestoncounty.org</u> to download the <u>contest entry form</u> or call <u>Charleston County's</u> <u>Environmental Management Department</u> at (843) 720-7111.

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