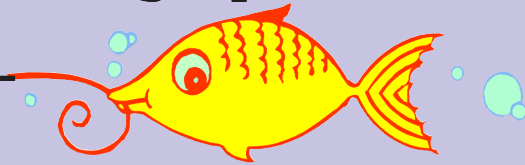




Nevada Department of Wildlife's
Third Annual
Free Fishing Day Poster Contest



Teacher's Information Packet January 2005



WELCOME TEACHERS!

We are pleased to announce the Nevada Department of Wildlife's (NDOW) 2005 Third Annual Free Fishing Day Poster Contest! Each class participating in the Trout in the Classroom program may enter one winning piece of artwork that conveys this year's theme, "*Fishing is Fun!/La Pesca Es La Diversión*"

Each NDOW regional office will then narrow their region's entries down to four top winners in each region (western, southern and eastern regions).

These 12 winners' artwork will then be judged statewide by another panel of judges who will select the top winner and two runners-up.

What do they win?

First place winner:

- Student's artwork will be reproduced and depicted on the 2005 Nevada Free Fishing Day poster.
- Student will receive a free rod and reel.
- Student and his/her family will receive a free fishing excursion with an expert angler.
- Student will receive a framed copy of the poster.

Two runners-up:

- Students will receive a free rod and reel.
- Students' artwork will appear in full color on the back of the 2006-2007 Nevada Fishing Seasons and Regulations booklet.

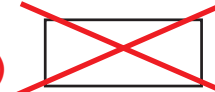
Important Tips: Ensure that your students are using 8-1/2 by 11 inch white paper in the portrait orientation.

Artwork received in landscape will not be accepted.

Correct
(portrait)



Incorrect
(landscape)



The winning artwork will be reproduced on the 2005 Nevada "Free Fishing Day" poster, and two runners-up will be showcased on the back of the 2006-2007 Fishing Regulations booklet. Both of these publications are produced in full color, therefore, it is important to be sure your students make colorful, eye-catching artwork that encompasses the whole page.

Make sure the title: "Fishing is Fun!" and "La Pesca Es La Diversión" is on the artwork, in large letters, spelled correctly and legibly.

Make sure students don't sign their names on the front of their artwork.

Suggested Timeline:

- Week One/Two:** Students create their artwork.
Recruit your judges.
Meet with judges to determine how they will judge the entries (see Rules for Judging Entries at Your School).
- Week Three:** Judge entries.
- Week Four:** Send in your winning entry to NDOW (by March 7, 2005).

Nevada Department of Wildlife's Third Annual Free Fishing Day Poster Contest Rules (2005)

1. All entries should be by fourth and fifth grade students who are part of the Trout in the Classroom program.
2. All entries must be the student's original artwork drawn on 8-1/2 x 11 inch white paper, in the "portrait" (vertical) orientation. No landscape (horizontal) oriented artwork will be accepted.
3. Entries must be in color, using any of the following mediums: inks, paints, watercolors, crayons, markers, colored pencils. No black and white entries will be accepted.
4. Entries should have the following title, spelled correctly and in lettering that is legible: "Fishing is Fun!" and "La Pesca Es La Diversion." Make sure students do not sign their names on the front of their artwork.
5. Entries should illustrate an enjoyable fishing outing at a Nevada river, lake or stream. It should be original, creative and colorful. It is recommended that the illustration fill the entire piece of paper. Please attach the artwork's identification slip to the back of the entry so as not to damage the picture.
7. Entries cannot be folded, or rolled and sent in a tube. Please send entry flat in a 9 x 12 envelope.
8. Please paperclip the following together: teacher entry form, parental consent and release form to the winning picture.
9. Entries must be received at your regional Nevada Department of Wildlife office by March 7, 2005.

Western Region

Nevada Department of Wildlife
Attn: Chris Vasey
1100 Valley Rd.
Reno, NV 59512
(775) 688-1500

Southern Region

Nevada Department of Wildlife
Attn: Ivy Santee
4747 Vegas Dr.
Las Vegas, NV 89108
(702) 486-5127

Eastern Region

Nevada Department of Wildlife
Attn: Norv Dallin
60 Youth Center Rd.
Elko, NV 89501
(775) 777-2300

2005 Contest Overview

The NDOW Free Fishing Day poster contest is open to fourth and fifth graders who are participating in the Trout in the Classroom program.

- The theme for the 2005 contest is *"Fishing is Fun!/La Pesca Es La Diversion."* Criteria for judging will include ability to convey the theme; originality and creativity; and colorfulness. Students will be asked to use an 8-1/2" x 11" sheet of white paper in the portrait orientation and are encouraged to completely use up the full page illustrating the "Fishing is Fun!" theme. Naturally this will entail them including water, fish and fishing in their drawing.

- Teachers whose classes are participating in the "Trout in the Classroom" program will hold the initial part of this contest at school, encouraging their students to submit entries. They will then oversee the initial judging. It is recommended that no students or teachers whose classes participated be directly involved in the judging. Schools are encouraged to award their own "runners up" with certificates of appreciation. (A blank certificate is provided in this packet). Please note that the "runners up" entries do not need to be sent in to NDOW for the regional judging process.

- Each participating school is required to select one "first place winner," which is then forwarded to the nearest NDOW regional office for a second round of judging.

- The Department of Wildlife will select four (non-ranked) regional finalists, for a total of 12 statewide finalists. These 12 finalists will then be included in a third round of judging at the state level, where the winner and two runners-up will be chosen by a statewide judging panel.

- The winners and two runners-up will receive a fishing rod and reel. The first prize poster contest winner will have his or her artwork reproduced on the 2005 Nevada Free Fishing Day poster. He or she will also receive a complimentary fishing excursion for his/her family with an expert angler, and a framed poster of their winning entry. The contest's two runners-up will have their entries featured on the back cover of the 2006-2007 Nevada Fishing Seasons and Regulations booklet.

- NDOW will notify the contest winners teacher, who will inform the student of his/her win. Winning prizes will be awarded by NDOW. All non-winning entries will be returned to the originating school; however, the 12 winning entries will be kept by NDOW long enough to have the pictures professionally scanned for use for promotional and publicity activities, and displayed in appropriate venue(s).

2005 Free Fishing Day Contest Entry Form

(Teachers, please submit with the winning entry)

please print

Teacher's Name: _____

Teacher's e-mail Address: _____

Complete School Name: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

School Phone: _____ School Fax: _____

Grade Level Submitted: _____

Student's Name: _____

IMPORTANT NOTE: Entry form and winning drawing must be accompanied by the signed parental consent and release form. **Entry must be received by March 7, 2005.** Please be sure the Entry Form is carefully taped to the back of the entry. *Please, no paper clips, or staples.*



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PARENTAL CONSENT AND RELEASE FORM

(Teachers, please submit this form with the winning entry)

I, _____ (*name of parent or legal guardian*) certify that I am the parent or legal guardian of _____ (*child's name*). I hereby give my full permission to exhibit, use and publish my child's artwork in printed or electronic media and to publish the name and photographs or video of my child for promotional activities without compensation. I also agree that my child may participate in media events or other Free Fishing Day poster contest activities. I understand that any of my child's personal identifiable information such as my child's address or phone number will not be used for any promotional or publicity purposes and will not be given to any third parties. I understand that my child's original artwork will be returned.

I certify that I have discussed this Consent and Release Form with my child and he/she understands and agrees to the terms.

Parent or legal guardian's signature: _____ Date: _____

Student's signature: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ e-mail address: _____





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2005 Artwork Certificate of Excellence

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