



# Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs

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Providing leadership and advocacy for the enhancement of our fish and wildlife resources for the benefit of all hunters, trappers, anglers and conservationists. Protecting our 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Rights.

*"Conservation is our obligation to the future of Pennsylvania"*

## **"My PA Watershed" Is PFSC / PWF 2018 Contest Theme**

### **For Immediate Release**

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Call for Posters and Photos

### **PA Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs Annual Art Poster / Photo Contest Invites Youth to Share their Love of the Outdoors through Art and Photography**

The Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen (PFSC) and the Pennsylvania Wildlife Federation (PWF) invite students in grades 4-12 to participate in the 2018 youth poster and photo contest. This year's theme is "My PA Watershed" where students will be asked to share how they and/or wildlife and fish in their area engage with their watershed – highlighting a local creek or even the mighty Susquehanna!

PFSC President, Denny Fillmore says, "The Federation offers this contest each year to encourage creative expression and an appreciation and understanding of the outdoor world."

Entries will compete against others in the same age group. Youngsters who submit can attend public or private schools or be homeschooled. Artwork should highlight early successional habitats and posters should contain the theme name "My PA Watershed".

Judging of posters and photos is at two levels of the PFSC, county and state. The deadline for most county submissions is January 1, 2018. Posters and/or photos may also be submitted directly to the state level by March 1, 2018 if your county does not participate. Submission is not required at the county level to enter the state level. Contact the PFSC office at (717) 232-3480 or pfscorg@comcast.net to find your county delegate's name and contact info.

Art posters and photos will be judged at the PFSC March 2018 meeting. Contest awards at the State Level for each category, Senior, Junior, and Sub-junior, are as follows: First Place - \$75, Second Place - \$60, and Third Place - \$50. A link to entry information including rules, deadlines and instructions can be found at <http://www.pfsc.org>.

The mission of the PA Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs is to provide a statewide, united voice for the concerns of all sportsmen and conservationists; to insure their rights and interests are protected, and to protect and enhance the environment and our natural resources. For any questions, contact the PFSC office at (717) 232-3480 or pfscorg@comcast.net.

## PFSC / PWF 2018 ART POSTER AND PHOTO CONTEST THEME DETAILS

*Each year the Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen and the Pennsylvania Wildlife Federation, hold a poster and photo contest to encourage creative expression and an appreciation and understanding of the outdoor world. The contests are open to school aged children in grades 4-12 who live in Pennsylvania. Entries will compete against others in the same age group. Youngsters can be attending public or private schools or be home schooled. If there are any questions about the contest or for information on rules and/or how to enter please contact the PFSC office at (717) 232-3480 or [pfscorg@comcast.net](mailto:pfscorg@comcast.net).*

### **2018 THEME: "My PA Watershed"**

Through this contest, we hope to encourage you to learn more about Pennsylvania's wildlife, fisheries and natural resources. For this year's theme, we want you to celebrate your Pennsylvania Watershed by highlighting what watershed you live in and the species and the habitat that your watershed supports! Pennsylvania has 6 major watersheds: the Ohio, the Genesee, the Susquehanna, the Delaware, the Erie, and the Potomac – which one do you live in?

Pennsylvania contains almost 83,000 miles of streams, ranging from small trickles to large rivers. All of these streams are important because they provide water for people, farms, and industries. They are home to many kinds of wildlife and fish. Streams also give us great places to go fishing, swimming, and boating. Streams receive water from the land that surrounds them. The land area through which any water moves, or drains, to reach a stream is called a **watershed**.<sup>1</sup>

In your artwork or photo, we want to share how you and/or wildlife in your area engage with your watershed – you can highlight a local creek or even the mighty Susquehanna! Get outside and look around, and then look closer. What did you miss the first time? What bigger river does that little creek feed into? What species of wildlife and fish does your local watershed support?

**GET EXCITED:** Learn more about ecosystems and habitats that support wildlife, fisheries and the outdoors where you live!

**GET OUTSIDE:** You won't know how amazing nature is until you LOOK!

**GET INVOLVED:** You can do something to make your neighborhood a better place for our natural resources. By looking closer, you will see how you can lend a hand by creating or improving habitat in your own back yard.

1. This information and more about PA watersheds can be found at:

[http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/cs/groups/public/documents/document/dcnr\\_009334.pdf](http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/cs/groups/public/documents/document/dcnr_009334.pdf)

## PFSC/PWF POSTER CONTEST OFFICIAL RULES

**If you like to draw, you can depict your submission as an artwork poster.** Entries in the Art Poster Contest must be on 11" x 17" poster board, and the exact words of the theme must appear on the poster as part of the artwork. Artwork must illustrate the current year's theme. Artists can be creative with whatever art material they choose, such as watercolor, oil or acrylic paints, crayons or (well-fixed) chalk. **Include with your poster, a brief typed interpretation of how your outdoor depiction relates to the contest theme, taped to the back of the poster.**

In the **Poster category**, contest awards at the State Level for each category, Senior (grades 10-12), Junior (grades 7-9), and Sub-junior (grades 4-6), are as follows: First Place - \$75, Second Place - \$60, and Third Place - \$50. Prizes may also be awarded at the County and Division levels. (Only one submission per person.)

**DEADLINE:** The deadline for most county submissions is January 1<sup>st</sup>. Posters and/or photos may also be submitted directly to the state office by March 1<sup>st</sup> if your county does not participate. Submission is not required at the county level to enter the state level. Contact the PFSC office at (717) 232-3480 or [pfscorg@comcast.net](mailto:pfscorg@comcast.net) to find your county delegate's name and contact info.

### **POSTER CONTEST RULES**

1. Size of Poster: 11 x 17 inches. Poster Board Only.
2. No artist's name shall appear on the front of the poster.
3. Poster theme: The exact words of the current theme must appear on the poster as part of the artwork. Artwork must depict the theme, and a short typed interpretation must be attached to the back.
4. On the back of the poster, provide the following typed information (See Form Below):
  - Student's Name
  - Student's Mailing Address
  - Email Address if Available
  - Student's Age and Grade Level
  - School Name
  - County
  - A brief typed interpretation of how the student's outdoor experience they are depicting on the Poster relates to the theme.
5. Any materials may be used – such as oil paints, water colors, crayons or chalk (which should be well fixed). The poster must be the original work of the artist. Entries must include a signed statement that the poster is the student's original work.
6. One submission per person. Submitted posters will become the property of the PFSC. However, every effort will be made to return the posters to the artist.
7. Senior (grades 10-12), Junior (grades 7-9), and Sub-junior (grades 4-6) category posters will be judged separately.
8. Judging: The County may judge posters and submit the top 8 in each category to be judged at the PFSC spring convention. (Not applicable to those only submitting at the state level.)

If there are any questions about the contest or for information on rules and/or how to enter please contact the PFSC office at (717) 232-3480 or [pfscorg@comcast.net](mailto:pfscorg@comcast.net).

Winners will be announced at the PFSC's spring convention banquet in March. Winning entries will be displayed at the convention, published in the On Target and PFSC website, and may be used throughout the year at other promotional events.

Entries in the poster become the property of PWF and PFSC, and may be reproduced or published in print media or electronically, without additional compensation. Winning entries may also be displayed at educational centers. Effort will be made to return entries to the artists. For a copy of the winners list, please send your request via email to [pfscorg@comcast.net](mailto:pfscorg@comcast.net).

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**ARTIST CONTACT INFORMATION:**

(To be taped to the back of the poster)

STUDENT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY DELEGATE (If known): \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that this is my original artwork: \_\_\_\_\_

Artist Signature

Date

**Artist's Interpretation:**

## PFSC/PWF PHOTO CONTEST OFFICIAL RULES

Photographs entered must be 8" x 10". They may be in color or black and white, and be un-mounted and unframed. All submissions must be original photographs, **not photocopies** or digital enhanced entries; no retouching or electronic enhancement. No trail cam photos allowed. Photographs must have been taken in Pennsylvania during 2017-2018, by the person entering the contest. **Youngsters may submit only one entry.** Only one winning entry per person will be awarded. The judging panel will consider the photo's composition, the technical skills the photo demonstrates, and how the photo illustrates the contest theme.

In the **Photo category**, contest awards at the State Level for each category, Senior (grades 10-12), Junior (grades 7-9), and Sub-junior (grades 4-6), are as follows: First Place - \$75, Second Place - \$60, and Third Place - \$50.

On the back of the photo, provide the following typed information (See Form Below):

- Student's Name
- Student's Mailing Address
- Email Address if Available)
- Contact Phone Number
- Student's Age and Grade Level
- School Name
- County
- **A brief typed interpretation of how the student's outdoor experience they are depicting on the Poster relates to the theme.**

Judging photos is at the state level. The deadline for submissions is March 1, 2017. Photos must be submitted directly to the state office.

If there are any questions about the contest or for information on rules and/or how to enter please contact the PFSC office at (717) 232-3480 or [pfscorg@comcast.net](mailto:pfscorg@comcast.net). Winners will be announced at the PFSC's spring convention banquet, March 2017. Winning entries will be displayed at the convention, published on the PWF/PFSC websites, and may be published in the On Target and used throughout the year at other promotional events.

Entries in the photo contests become the property of PWF and PFSC, and may be reproduced or published in print media or electronically, without additional compensation. Winning entries may also be displayed at educational centers. Effort will be made to return entries to the artists. For a copy of the winners list, please send your request via email to [pfscorg@comcast.net](mailto:pfscorg@comcast.net).

**PHOTOGRAPHER CONTACT INFORMATION:**

(To be taped to the back of the photo)

STUDENT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that this is my original photo: \_\_\_\_\_

Photographer's Signature

Date

**Photographer's Interpretation: (Typed and may be attached separately)**