

Friends of **Attwater Prairie Chicken Refuge**

2015

Student Festival Art Contest

In partnership with...



Open to k-12th Grade Artists

Open to students in Brazos, Bellville, Columbus, Rice & Sealy School Districts

With three divisions

Coloring k-5th, Poster 6-8th, Logo 9-12th

Deadline February 1, 2015.

The entries may be used on www.Attwater.org (*with artist credit*), on Friends of Attwater Prairie Chicken Refuge merchandise such as T-shirts, mugs and note cards and any other Friends communications and media.

Entries may be displayed at the 2015 Attwater's Prairie Chicken Festival.
Booming-N-Blooming, Saturday, April 11 and Sunday, April 12, 2015.

The 2015 Contest is the 3rd Annual Art Contest of the Friends of Attwater Prairie Chicken Refuge. **The goal of the annual contest is to engage the power of art to help youth feel more connected with nature.**

Visit us at www.Attwater.org

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Coloring Division Rules 2015

- Open to K-5th grade students in Brazos, Bellville, Columbus, Rice & Sealy School Districts.
- All artwork must be the student's **original, individual, hand-done creation** (no group projects or coloring sheets). You may not use images directly from the internet, magazines or other such media.
- All artwork must be 8.5" x 11" OR 9"x12" without a mat, frame or border. **Acceptable art medium is crayon only.**
- Artwork must not exceed 1/4 inch in total thickness and must be an original design and not a colored rendition of the attached horizontal artwork. The subject of your work must be the Attwater's Prairie-Chicken, its prairie habitat, or other coastal prairie species. More information on this unique bird and its habitat may be found on our website at www.Attwater.org and on page six.
- **No lettering, signatures, or initials may appear on the front of the design.** Any artwork with such identifying characteristics will be disqualified and eliminated from the competition.
- **Use a CLEAR GLUE STICK to affix your completed entry form to the back of the artwork. PLEASE ... DO NOT FOLD, STAPLE, PAPER CLIP OR TAPE....it damages the artwork!**
- **All artwork must be turned in to your school's Art Teacher by February 1, 2015.** Artwork must be completely dry by the time the artwork is turned in for judging.
- The artwork judging criteria will be 50% creativity/originality and 50% technical skill.
- All artwork becomes the property of the Friends of Attwater Prairie Chicken Refuge and will NOT be returned to the artist.
- 1st place will receive a \$50.00 prize and plaque, 2nd place will receive a \$25.00 prize and ribbon, and 3rd place will receive a \$10.00 prize and ribbon.

If you have questions you may e-mail info@Attwater.org.

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Poster Division Rules 2015

- Open to 6-8th grade students in Brazos, Bellville, Columbus, Rice & Sealy School Districts.
- All artwork must be the student's **original individual hand-done creation** (no group projects), Photographs will not be accepted. You may not use images directly from the internet, magazine or other such media.
- All artwork must be **8.5" x 11" OR 9"x12"** without a mat, frame or border. Acceptable art mediums may include (**but are not limited to**) oils, acrylics, scratch-board, pointillism, chalk, pastels, colored pencil, charcoal, dry brush, watercolor, crosshatch, lead, collage, or linoleum printing. (**Please note: *if contestants use chalk, pastels or lead they should seal it with an appropriate fixative***).
- Artwork must not exceed 1/4 inch in total thickness. The subject of your work must be the Attwater's Prairie-Chicken, its prairie habitat, or other coastal prairie species. More information on this unique bird and its habitat may be found on our website at www.Attwater.org and on page six.
- **No lettering, signatures, or initials may appear on the front of the design.** Any artwork with such identifying characteristics will be disqualified and eliminated from the competition.
- **Use a CLEAR GLUE STICK to affix your completed entry form to the back of the artwork. PLEASE ... DO NOT FOLD, STAPLE, PAPER CLIP OR TAPE....it damages the artwork!**
- **All artwork must be turned in to your school's Art Teacher by February 1, 2015.** Artwork must be completely dry by the time the artwork is turned in for judging.
- The artwork judging criteria will be 50% creativity/originality and 50% technical skill.
- All artwork becomes the property of the Friends of Attwater Prairie Chicken Refuge and will NOT be returned to the artist.
- 1st place will receive a \$50.00 prize and plaque, 2nd place will receive a \$25.00 prize and ribbon, and 3rd place will receive a \$10.00 prize and ribbon.

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Logo Division Rules 2015

- Open to 9-12th grade students in Brazos, Bellville, Columbus, Rice & Sealy School Districts.
- All artwork must be the student's **original individual hand-done creation** (no group projects). Photographs will not be accepted. You may not use images directly from the internet, magazines or other such media.
- All artwork must be **8.5" x 11" OR 9"x12"** without a mat, frame or border. Acceptable art mediums may include (**but are not limited to**) oils, acrylics, scratch-board, pointillism, chalk, pastels, colored pencil, charcoal, dry brush, watercolor, crosshatch, lead, collage, linoleum printing, or computer generated graphic design. (**Please note: *if contestants use chalk, pastels or lead they should seal it with an appropriate fixative***).
- Artwork must not exceed 1/4 inch in total thickness. The subject of your design must be the Attwater's Prairie-Chicken, its prairie habitat, or other coastal prairie species. More information on this unique bird and its habitat may be found on our website at www.Attwater.org and on page six.
- **No lettering, signatures, or initials may appear on the front of the design.** Any artwork with such identifying characteristics will be disqualified and eliminated from the competition.
- Each design should lend itself to different formats, for various promotional purposes.
- **Use a CLEAR GLUE STICK to affix your completed entry form to the back of the artwork. PLEASE ... DO NOT FOLD, STAPLE, PAPER CLIP OR TAPE....it damages the artwork!**
- **All artwork must be turned in to your school's Art Teacher by February 1, 2015.** Artwork must be completely dry by the time the artwork is turned in for judging.
- The artwork judging criteria will be 50% creativity/originality and 50% technical skill.
- All artwork becomes the property of the Friends of Attwater Prairie Chicken Refuge and will NOT be returned to the artist.
- 1st place will receive a \$50.00 prize and plaque, 2nd place will receive a \$25.00 prize and ribbon, and 3rd place will receive a \$10.00 prize and ribbon.
- One Annual Grand Prize Logo winner will be awarded a plaque, a t-shirt and a \$250.00 scholarship, upon verification of enrollment in a university, college or trade school.

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Entry Form

Student Checklist:

- ___ I have read the complete “2015 Rules & Guidelines” for **my division** in this Contest
- ___ My artwork is 8.5”x11” OR 9”x12” and no more than ¼” thick.
- ___ There is no mat or frame. There is no writing or borders on the front.
- ___ I used a Glue Stick to attach my entry form to my artwork-**NO STAPLES, TAPE, or PAPER CLIPS!**
- ___ I have included a home e-mail &/or mailing address (in addition to my educator’s)
- ___ I understand I may be disqualified for not completing all forms for the contest, and/or following all the rules as stated. If any information is not available, complete form with N/A as appropriate.

Please print clearly using black or blue ink only ...

----- cut below on dotted lines and attach to back of artwork-----

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Contestant Name: _____ **Grade:** _____

Address and City: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Educator : _____ **Phone:** _____

Educator Email: _____

School Name and District: _____

I hereby certify that I have read the “Rules & Guidelines” for this Contest. This is my **original work** and is not a copy of published photographs, magazines, book illustrations, or any other illustrated or written materials protected by copyright laws. I understand that Friends of Attwater Prairie Chicken Refuge is not responsible for loss or damage to my artwork. I grant exclusive right to the Friends of Attwater Prairie Chicken Refuge and its designees to utilize my artwork for reproduction, promotional purposes and display. I agree that my artwork may be used, altered, or published as the Friends see fit without compensation to me. I understand that the Friends of APC Refuge and its designees will not share my contact information without my permission. By submitting an entry, the artist agrees the art the Friends of APC Refuge will become the rightful owner of the image and any likeness of the image, and may alter and reproduce the image at its discretion.

Signature of Student _____ **DATE** _____

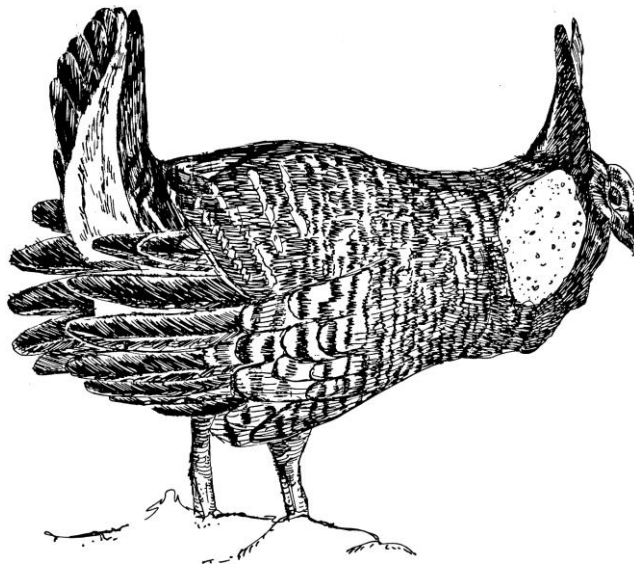
**Signature of Parent,
Guardian or Educator** _____ **DATE** _____

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Meet the Attwater's Prairie-Chicken

The Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge, www.fws.gov/refuge/AttwaterPrairieChicken is located approximately 60 miles west of Houston, Texas, is one of the largest remnants of coastal prairie habitat remaining in southeast Texas and home to one of the last populations of the critically endangered Attwater's prairie chicken, a ground-dwelling grouse of the coastal prairie ecosystem. The refuge is one of a handful of national wildlife refuges managed specifically for an endangered species and was created to preserve prairie habitat specifically for the preservation of this unique species. For even more information visit:

www.attwter.org and www.tpwd.state.tx.us/huntwild/wild/birding/apc.



The Attwater's Prairie Chicken is a unique subspecies of the Greater Prairie-Chicken (*Tympanuchus cupido*) a member of the Grouse Family. The Attwater's subspecies is found on the coastal Texas Prairies (now in danger of extinction), is smaller and darker (length = 17", wing-span 28") *. During the spring the Prairie Chickens can be found on an area of the prairie known as the leks. The males display by strutting and dancing (much like the plains Indians did) and filling their yellow-orange air sacks located on their necks. When expelling the air a low hooting sound much like blowing across a bottle, is heard known as "Booming."

The Friends of Attwater Prairie Chicken Refuge is a 501c3, nonprofit organization whose mission is to support the purpose and objectives of Attwater Prairie Chicken NWR and promote the recovery of the Attwater's prairie-chicken and the Texas native coastal prairie ecosystem for this and future generations.