

# *Friends of Attwater Prairie Chicken Refuge*

## **“Booming”-N-“Blooming” Festival Student Art Contest 2016 Open to K-12th Grade Artists**

### **Art Contest Packet for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>**

**Deadline .... February 1, 2016.**

Contact your school art teacher or visit [www.Attwater.org](http://www.Attwater.org) for contest rules and entry forms.

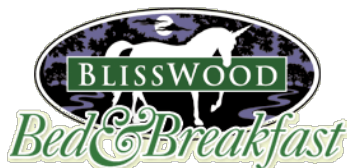
Entries may be displayed at the 2016 Attwater’s Prairie Chicken Festival. **“Booming”-N-“Blooming”**, Saturday, April 09 and Sunday, April 10, 2016.

The 2016 Contest is the 4th 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](http://www.Attwater.org)**

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### *Art Contest, Grades 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Rules*

- The subject or theme of your work must be the **Attwater’s Prairie-Chicken, local native prairie habitat and/or other coastal prairie wildlife** (e.g., Bison, Quail, Nine Banded Armadillo, Burrowing Owls, Thirteen-lined Ground Squirrels, White-tailed deer, etc.). More information on this unique bird and its habitat may be found on our website at [www.Attwater.org](http://www.Attwater.org) or on attached page.
- 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 and art forms 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*).
- **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, 2016.** 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](mailto:info@Attwater.org).

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### Art Contest Entry Form

Student Checklist:

- \_\_\_ I have read the complete “Art Contest Rules 2016”
- \_\_\_ My artwork is 8.5”x11” or 9” x 12” 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 email &/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 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** \_\_\_\_\_

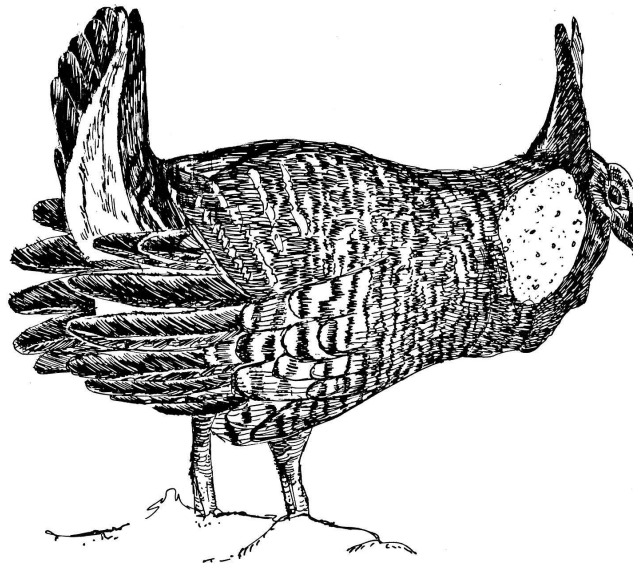
**Signature of Parent,  
Guardian or Educator** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

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## *Meet the Attwater's Prairie-Chicken*

The Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge, [www.fws.gov/refuge/AttwaterPrairieChicken](http://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](http://www.attwter.org) and [www.tpwd.state.tx.us/huntwild/wild/birding/apc](http://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 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."

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