



2023-2024 Kids for Conservation Competition





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About the Program

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Southeastern Wildlife Exposition invites all Tri-County students, grades 1st through 12th to participate in the Kids for Conservation arts competition. KFC has been a great source of pride for SEWE for over twenty years and we are pleased to continue this excellent program in the Lowcountry.

SEWE is working diligently to promote Kids for Conservation in the Tri-County area and engage all students in the importance of conservation. It is our hope that students who invest in conservation efforts as youth will continue to protect our wildlife and environment as adults.

Grades 1st – 5th are invited to submit drawings and paintings; Grades 6th – 8th are invited to submit original photography and poetry; Grades 9th – 12th are invited to submit custom designed birdhouses using recycled materials.

All entries must be original work and wildlife inspired. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners will be chosen from each division.

KFC submissions will be on display for the month of February in the Main Branch of Charleston County Library. The entries will be posted to an online gallery on www.sewe.com.



2023-2024 KIDS FOR CONSERVATION

Poster Competition Invitation

Dear Elementary Administrators and Teachers,

Southeastern Wildlife Exposition is excited to invite all Tri-County students to join us in celebrating the 42nd annual Exposition February 16-18, 2024. Kids for Conservation (KFC) has been a great source of pride for SEWE over the past twenty years and we are pleased to continue this excellent program in the Lowcountry. SEWE is working diligently to promote KFC in the Tri-County area and engage all students in the importance of conservation. It is our hope that students who invest in conservation efforts as youth will continue to protect our wildlife and environment as adults. We ask that you please encourage your students to participate in this wonderful program by submitting artwork.

The poster competition is open to students in grades 1 – 5 and *each school* may submit as many as they would like. In addition to attaching a copy of the entry form to the back of each entry, the participating teachers must email an excel spreadsheet with the requested information to hshannon@sewe.com. (Please see example template.)

Posters are due **Monday, December 11th, 2023** and should be hand delivered to the SEWE office, 211 Meeting Street, 2nd Floor, Charleston, SC 29401 or mailed to PO Box 20635, Charleston, SC 29413. (**Do not mail posters to physical address!**) Winners will be announced the week of December 13th and prizes will be mailed to teachers early-January..

Posters will be on display for the month of February in the Main Branch of Charleston County Library, located at 68 Calhoun Street. The posters will join other KFC entries (poetry, photography, and birdhouses); all will be on display during the month of February. **Posters will be picked up from the library by the SEWE staff and mailed to the school (to the teacher's attention) in early March.**

Please review the enclosed form and guidelines and feel free to contact me with any questions at 843.723.1748 or hshannon@sewe.com.

Kind Regards,

Hannah Shannon

SEWE, Artist Coordinator + VIP Liaison



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Poster Competition Information & Guidelines

1. Artists must be in grades 1 – 5 and *each school* may enter as many as they would like.
2. Posters must be original work & include a title.
3. Posters must be no smaller than 8 ½” x 11” and no larger than 11” x 17”. Posters outside of these parameters will be disqualified.
4. Posters will be judged on the following criteria:
 1. Creativity
 2. Artistic skill
 3. How well the artwork represents the ideals of wildlife conservation
5. Any medium may be used (crayons, watercolor, colored pens, pencils, oils, acrylic, etc.). Please refrain from using materials that may smear, crack, or chip.
6. Posters will be mounted and matted by SEWE. Posters that are already matted, mounted, or framed will be disqualified.
7. Students must attach one copy of the entry form to the back of the poster. ***Teachers must email an Excel spreadsheet*** (example included) containing the students information.
8. Posters are due by 5:00 p.m. on **Monday, December 11th, 2023**, and should be hand delivered to the SEWE office, 211 Meeting Street, 2nd Floor, Charleston, SC 29401 or mailed to PO Box 20635, Charleston, SC 29413. **(Do not mail posters to physical address!)**
9. Photographs of students holding their work may be emailed to hshannon@sewe.com for promotional use. This is not required.
10. Posters will be on display in the Main Branch of the Charleston County Public Library (68 Calhoun Street) during the month of February.
11. Winners will be announced the week of December 13th and prizes will be mailed to teachers early-January.
12. Posters will be picked up from the library by the SEWE staff and mailed along to the school (to the teacher’s attention) in early March. *SEWE nor the Library will be responsible for any lost or damaged artwork.*

Please contact Hannah Shannon with any questions:

hshannon@sewe.com 843.723.1748



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Poster Competition Entry Form

All participants must attach a completed copy of this form to the back of their entry.

Student _____

First Name

Last Name

Title _____

Description _____

Grade _____ School _____ County _____

(Write full name. No abbreviations.)

School Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Teacher _____

First Name

Last Name

Teacher Email _____ Phone Number _____

I have read and agree with all information and guidelines.

Teacher Signature _____ Date _____

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hshannon@sewe.com | 843.723.1729



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Photography & Poetry Competition

Dear Middle School Administrators & Teachers,

Southeastern Wildlife Exposition is excited to invite all Tri-County students to join us in celebrating the 42nd annual Exposition February 16 – 18, 2024. Kids for Conservation (KFC) has been a great source of pride for SEWE over the past twenty years and we are pleased to continue this excellent program in the Lowcountry. SEWE is working diligently to promote KFC in the Tri-County area and engage all students in the importance of wildlife conservation. It is our hope that students who invest in conservation efforts as youth will continue to protect our wildlife and environment as adults. We ask that you please encourage your students to participate in this wonderful program by submitting artwork.

The photography & poetry competitions are open to students in grades 6 – 8 and each school may submit *up to 8* of both photography & poetry. Content should be wildlife-inspired and photographs should be no larger than 11" x 14". In addition to attaching a copy of the entry form to the back of each entry, the participating teachers must email an Excel spreadsheet with the requested information. (Please see example template.)

Entries are due **Monday, December 11th, 2023** and should be hand delivered to the SEWE office, 211 Meeting Street, 2nd Floor, Charleston, SC 29401 or mailed to PO Box 20635, Charleston, SC 29413. (**Do not mail posters to physical address!**). Winners will be announced the week of December 13th and prizes will be mailed to teachers early-January.

Library, located at 68 Calhoun Street. All KFC entries (posters, poetry, photography, and birdhouses) and SC Junior Duck Stamp winning entries will be on display during the month of February. **Entries will be picked up from the library by the SEWE staff and mailed to the school (to the teacher's attention) in early March.**

Please review the enclosed form and guidelines and feel free to contact me with any questions at 843.723.1748 or hshannon@sewe.com

Kind Regards,

Hannah Shannon

SEWE, Art Coordinator + VIP Liaison



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Photography & Poetry Information and Guidelines

1. Students must be in grades 6 – 8.
2. Each student may submit one photograph or one poem. Each school may submit as many entries as they would like.
3. All submissions must be original work and have a title.
4. Subject matter must relate to nature, wildlife or conservation.
5. Entries may be no larger than 11” x 14”.
6. Entries will be judged on the following criteria:
 1. Creativity
 2. Relevance to nature, wildlife and conservation
 3. Quality of photograph
7. Entries must be submitted in hard copy. Digital versions may be emailed *in addition* to hshannon@sewe.com. Color of photograph is at the discretion of photographer.
8. Students must attach one copy of the entry form to the back of the entry. Teachers must email an Excel spreadsheet (example included) containing the students information to hshannon@sewe.com.
9. Entries are due by 5:00 p.m. on **Monday, December 11th, 2023**, and should be hand delivered to the SEWE office, 211 Meeting Street, 2nd Floor, Charleston, SC 29401 or mailed to PO Box 20635, Charleston, SC 29413. **(Do not mail posters to physical address!)**
10. Entries submitted may be printed in SEWE publications, website, and local media.
11. Winners will be announced the week of December 13th and prizes will be mailed to teachers mid-December.
12. Entries will be picked up from the library by the SEWE staff and mailed to the school (at the teacher’s attention) in early March. *SEWE nor the Library will be responsible for any lost or damaged artwork.*

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Photography & Poetry Competition Entry Form

All participants must attach a completed copy of this form to the back of their entry.

Student _____
First Name Last Name

Title _____

Description _____

Grade _____ School _____ County _____

(Write full name. No abbreviations.)

School Address City State Zip

Teacher _____
First Name Last Name

Teacher Email Phone Number

I have read and agree with all information and guidelines.

Teacher Signature Date

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Birdhouse Competition Invitation

Dear High School Administrators and Teachers,

Southeastern Wildlife Exposition is excited to invite all Tri-County students to join us in celebrating the 42nd annual Exposition February 16- 18, 2024. Kids for Conservation (KFC) has been a great source of pride for SEWE over the past twenty years and we are pleased to continue this excellent program in the Lowcountry. SEWE is working diligently to promote KFC in the Tri-County area and engage all students in the importance of wildlife conservation. It is our hope that students who invest in conservation efforts as youth will continue to protect our wildlife and environment as adults. We ask that you please encourage your students to participate in this wonderful program by submitting artwork.

Birdhouses should be delivered to the Main Branch of Charleston County Library, located at 68 Calhoun Street between Friday, January 26th and Monday, January 29th. Teachers are responsible for emailing a copy of the included spreadsheets with requested information. Additionally, please ensure the birdhouses have a visible title so we can match the birdhouse with the appropriate student. Winners will be announced on Friday, February 2nd and prizes will be mailed to teachers mid February. Birdhouses will be on display the month of February and should be picked up between Friday, March 1st and Monday, March 4th.

Please review the enclosed form and guidelines and feel free to contact me with any questions at 843.723.1748 or hshannon@sewe.com.

Kind Regards,

Hannah Shannon

SEWE, Art Coordinator + VIP Liaison



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Birdhouse Competition

Information & Guidelines

1. The artist must be in grades 9 - 12.
2. Student's name, school and title of project must be written on each birdhouse. Please use a permanent marker and write on the bottom of the birdhouse
3. Birdhouses must have a visible title. Birdhouses without a title will be disqualified.
4. Teachers, please submit one copy of each student's form to the front desk of the library. Have all forms in a folder labeled with your school's name.
5. Teachers must email an Excel spreadsheet (example included) containing the student's information to hshannon@sewe.com.
6. All birdhouses must be built primarily from natural material and/or recyclable goods.
7. The birdhouses will be judged on the following criteria:
 1. Creativity
 2. Craftsmanship
 3. Type of material used for building
 4. Wildlife Related
8. All entries should be portable (by one person) and able to stand alone on a display table.
9. Birdhouses should be dropped off at the Charleston County Public Library, Main Branch (68 Calhoun Street, Charleston, SC) between **Friday, January 26th and Monday, January 29th, 2024.**
10. A high-res image of each Birdhouse should be emailed to Hannah Shannon at hshannon@sewe.com by 5:00p.m. on Monday, January 29th, 2024. The image files should be named in the following format: "Student Last Name, Student First Name_Entry Title_School". Please also send the competition entry form so that information can be properly matched with the images.
11. The winners of the Birdhouse Competition will be announced the week of February 1st, 2024 and prizes will be mailed to teachers on February 2nd, 2024.
12. Birdhouses should be picked up **between Friday, March 1st and Monday, March 4th.** *SEWE nor the Library will be responsible for any lost or damaged artwork.*

Please contact Hannah Summer with any questions:

hshannon@sewe.com | 843.723.1748



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Birdhouse Competition Entry Form

Student's name & school name must be written on the bottom of each birdhouse in permanent marker. The title must be visible on the birdhouse. Teachers, please submit a copy of each student's entry form to Hannah Shannon at hshannon@sewe.com with your school's name and email an Excel spreadsheet with the requested information to hshannon@sewe.com. (Please see example template.)

Student _____

First Name

Last Name

Title _____

Description _____

Grade _____ School _____ County _____

(Write full name. No abbreviations.)

_____ School Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Teacher _____

First Name

Last Name

Teacher Email _____ Phone Number _____

I have read and agree with all information and guidelines.

Teacher Signature

Date

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2023-2024 KIDS FOR CONSERVATION PRIZES

(Each Competition will receive a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winner)

1st Place:

- \$300 Cash Prize
- Four 3-day passes to the 2024 Southeastern Wildlife Exposition*
- (1) Southeastern Wildlife Exposition Hat
- *The winning teacher will receive 2 VIP Patron badges to the 2024 Southeastern Wildlife Exposition and a \$50 Blick Gift card*

2nd Place:

- \$200 Cash Prize
- Two 3-day passes to the 2024 Southeastern Wildlife Exposition*
- (1) Southeastern Wildlife Exposition Hat
- *The winning teacher will receive 2 VIP Patron badges to the 2024 Southeastern Wildlife Exposition*

3rd Place:

- \$100 Cash Prize
- Two 3-day passes to the 2024 Southeastern Wildlife Exposition*
- (1) Southeastern Wildlife Exposition Hat
- *The winning teacher will receive 2 VIP Patron badges to the 2024 Southeastern Wildlife Exposition*

AWARDS FOR ALL PARTICIPATING STUDENTS & TEACHERS:

- All participating students will be displayed on SEWE website and will potentially be placed in promotional materials.
- All participating students and teachers will receive Two Sunday passes to SEWE 2024.

** Passes include entry to all exhibit sites during regular show hours.*



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Teacher Entry Spreadsheet Example

Student First Name	Student Last Name	Grade	School	Teacher	Teacher Email	Teacher Phone	County	School Address	Title of Entry
Taylor	Winters	4th	Creekside Academy	Ann Smith	asmith@....	843.723.1748	Charleston	5 Schoolhouse Ln, Charleston, SC 29403	Prancing Pony
Maggie	Peters	5th	Creekside Academy	Ann Smith	asmith@....	843.723.1748	Charleston	5 Schoolhouse Ln, Charleston, SC 29403	Daring Duck

We ask that teachers fill out an excel spreadsheet containing information for each student submitting an entry and send an electronic copy via email to hshannon@sewe.com.

Follow this link [here](#) to copy and paste the correct spreadsheet format.

Please make sure you have two separate columns for the student's name (First, Last) and be sure to have accurate spelling, as we use the spreadsheets to create labels for prizes!