



## OFFICIAL RULES

### 1. General

These are the official rules and regulations for the Nature Quest Art Contest conducted by the M-NCPPC, Department of Parks and Recreation, Prince George's County (DPR)

Open to Prince George's County residents 18 and under.

No purchase is necessary.

Entries must be received by no later than 11:59 PM EDT on November 1, 2019.

You may enter as many categories as you want!

Entries must be inspired by nature.

### 2. Prizes

Contest Prizes will be awarded at the opening of Nature Quest Exhibition on Saturday December 7, 2019 at the Wayne K. Curry Sports & Learning Complex located in Landover, Maryland.

Be sure to check out the contest categories page to learn more about category specific prizes that you can win!

### 3. Originality and plagiarism policy

All entries must be original, and must not be a copy of any existing work. Whether you intend to or not, claiming that someone else's work is your own ("plagiarism") is a serious violation of copyright law. Plagiarism and forgery result in criminal sanctions, fines, and civil damages. You must be very careful to make sure that your creation(s) is original and not the work of other artists. Be creative! Get outdoors, experience nature, and share your experience with us through art.

The best way to be sure your art is an original is to get outside! We strongly encourage all entrants to go outdoors and experience nature for themselves. Get outside and observe your wild neighbors in their natural environment; make sketches, have a photo shoot in the best possible setting, get wild inspiration for your poetry. This contest is all about having fun and spending creative time outdoors. So get out there and share your experience through art.

#### 4. Entrant Agreement

By submitting an entry, the entrant (if 18 or older) or the entrant's adult representative (if the entrant is under age 18):

Certifies that the entry submitted is entirely original. Takes any and all legal responsibility for breaches of copyright caused by plagiarism. Grants M-NCPPC, Department of Parks and Recreation Prince George's County a license to reproduce the submitted work, in whole or in part, for any purpose, including research, on the internet, in print publications, and/or in any other medium without compensation of any kind and to publish the entrant's name, age, and home city/state in conjunction with the work.

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work for personal and classroom educational purposes. If the entrant is under age 18, the adult representative assumes all liability for the entrant and indemnifies M-NCPPC Nature Quest in respect of all matters related to the entry.

#### 5. Judging and Administration

For the art, writing, and photography, 3 winning entries are chosen from each of the following age groups. 3 cash prizes will be awarded in each category: 1st place \$200, 2nd place \$100, 3rd place \$50. Poetry will be recognized in a separate category with cash prizes of 1st place \$200, 2nd place \$100, 3rd place \$50.

Elementary School: K – Grade 6

Middle School: Grades 7 – 9

High School: Grades 10 – 12

The M-NCPPC, Department of Parks and Recreation, Prince George's County (DPR) administers this contest. DPR reserves the right to disqualify any entrant who violates any of the contest rules, who attempts to influence or receive unfair consideration from the judges, or who tampers with the entry process or the operation of the Nature Quest web site. DPR Nature Quest reserves the right to cancel or modify the contest and/or the prizes in the event of unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of DPR that would prevent the normal completion of the contest.



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