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Pennsylvania Game Commission American Marten Reintroduction and Management Plan Youth Art Contest

Contest Rules and Procedures

Description: The Pennsylvania Game Commission invites Pennsylvania students in middle school, grades 6 through 8 and high school, grades 9 through 12, to participate in the American Marten Reintroduction and Management Plan Art Contest.

The American marten was last seen in the state of Pennsylvania around 120 years ago. Now, the Pennsylvania Game Commission is considering reintroducing the American marten to the state. The Pennsylvania Game Commission is looking for artist representations of the American marten on suitable Pennsylvania landscapes to be featured in the American Marten Reintroduction and Management Plan.

Through this art contest, the Pennsylvania Game Commission hopes to:

- Promote wildlife art among young artists.
- Enhance students' knowledge of the American marten, a native species to Pennsylvania which hasn't been seen in the state in 120 years.
- Recognize and support the talents of young artists.

The winning artwork will be displayed at the Pennsylvania Game Commission, 2001 Elmerton Avenue, Harrisburg, PA, from July 10 through August 11, 2023.

Requirements:

1. All Pennsylvania students in middle school (grade 6 through 8) and high school (grades 9 through 12) are eligible to participate in the art contest.
2. The artwork must depict an American marten in an appropriate Pennsylvania habitat. The marten should be correct in proportional size and shape, and if in color true to life. You may reference the [Game Commission website](#).
3. Artists may use the following mediums: oils, pastels, color pencils, watercolors, acrylic, charcoal, graphite, black & white or color, digital or computer generated. No scroll work, lettering, signature, or initials can appear on the artwork. All submissions must be a digital image of two-dimensional art.
4. Art must be smaller than 18 x 24 inches with a matte.



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5. A digital image of your artwork should be submitted with your entry form. **Resolutions should be approximately 2100 x 3000 pixels.** This is roughly the resolution of a picture on an iPhone.
6. Because the contest encourages individual creativity, help from another person(s) is not permitted. However, students may submit multiple entries.
7. **How to Enter:** [Complete the American Marten Reintroduction and Management Plan Art Contest Entry Form.](#)
8. **Deadline:** All artwork must be received on or before June 9, 2023.

Criteria for Judging:

All entries will be judged on depiction of an American marten in an appropriate Pennsylvania habitat, proportionality, authenticity, and/or uniqueness of presentation. The artwork will be judged according to middle school or high school categories.

The judging for the contest will consist of a panel of five judges comprised of Pennsylvania Game Commission employees. All decisions of the judges are final.

Contest Winners:

The teacher of each contest winner will be notified by telephone and/or email on or before Monday, June 19, 2023.

Awards: Middle and high school categories will be judged separately. First place to third place in the middle school category and the high school category, as follows:

First Place:

- Certificate of appreciation.
- Pennsylvania Game Commission branded item.
- \$50 Sheetz gift card.
- Tickets for the student and their family (total of 6 persons) to a *Behind the Scenes* tour of Hershey's ZooAmerica, where they can see the American marten in person and learn more about the species and other native Pennsylvania wildlife.

Second and Third Place:

- Certificate of appreciation.
- Pennsylvania Game Commission branded item.
- \$50 Sheetz gift card.



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- Tickets for the student and their family (total of 6 person) to visit ZooAmerica in Hershey, Pennsylvania, to see an American marten in person and learn more about the species and other native Pennsylvania wildlife.

*The instructors of the first place winners will also receive the first place prizes.

Display:

The winning artwork will be printed by the Pennsylvania Game Commission and displayed at the Pennsylvania Game Commission Headquarters Building at 2001 Elmerton Ave, Harrisburg, PA 17110, from July 7 through August 11, 2023, and will be featured in the American Marten Reintroduction and Management Plan, which will be presented to the Pennsylvania Game Commission, Board of Commissioners meeting on July 7 and released for public comment after that meeting.

Limitation of Liability:

By participating in this contest, participants, schools, and winners agree to release, indemnify, and hold harmless the Pennsylvania Game Commission, employees and agents from any liability whatsoever for any claims, costs, injuries, losses, damages, or expenses of any kind arising out of or in connection with the contest or with acceptance of any prize (including without limitation, claims, costs, injuries, losses and damages related to personal injuries, death, damage to, loss or destruction of property, rights of publicity or privacy, defamation or portrayal in a false light).

Agreements:

By participating in the “American Marten Reintroduction and Management Plan Youth Art Contest,” submission of artwork grants the Pennsylvania Game Commission permission to publish student and teacher names, use the artwork in the American Marten Reintroduction and Management Plan, post artwork on the Pennsylvania Game Commission website, and participants agree to be bound by these contest rules.

Questions:

If you have any questions, please contact Melanie Weaver at 717-787-4250 ext. 73407 or PAmarten@pa.gov.