



**Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection  
Wildlife Division  
Year of the Salamander Art Contest Entry Form**

**Note: If we can't read your handwriting, you can't win, so please print carefully and use a pen!**

**Individual Entrant only**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ (optional) Male: \_\_\_\_\_ Female: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Submission: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby grant and assign to the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Wildlife Division's (CT DEEP WD) Year of the Salamander Art Contest the non-exclusive right and permission, in respect to the original artwork that I have submitted to CT DEEP WD, to use, re-use, publish, and re-publish, and otherwise reproduce, and display the same, individually or in conjunction with other original artwork, in any and all media now or hereafter known throughout the world, for illustration, promotion, art, advertising, and trade, or any other purpose whatsoever; and to use only my child's name to identify the author of the work in connection with my participation in the CT DEEP WD Year of the Salamander Art Contest. I understand that any use of this submitted work will include only my child's name as its creator (a request can be made to CT DEEP WD to use only the first name of my child). I hereby release and discharge CT DEEP WD, its successors, and assigns from any and all claims and demands arising out of, or in connection with, the use of the original artwork, including, without limitations, any and all claims for libel or invasion of privacy. CT DEEP WD assumes no responsibility for lost or damaged artwork. This authorization and release shall also inure to the benefit of the successors, legal representatives, licensees, and assigns of CT DEEP WD. I have read the foregoing and fully understand the contents thereof. This release shall be binding upon me and my heirs, beneficiaries, legal representatives, and assigns.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, being the parent or guardian of the above-named minor, hereby consent to and join in the foregoing release and consent on behalf of said minor. Pledge of Originality: I declare and promise that the art I am submitting to the CT DEEP WD Year of the Salamander Art Contest is my own original work.

Child's signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Artwork submitted for the Year of the Salamander Art Contest must be of a salamander that is native to Connecticut.** Visit the Year of the Salamander webpage ([www.ct.gov/deep/salamanders](http://www.ct.gov/deep/salamanders)) to learn about the salamanders found in our state. Salamanders that qualify for this art contest include:

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|----------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Jefferson Salamander | Blue-spotted Salamander   | Spotted Salamander            |
| Marbled Salamander   | Northern Dusky Salamander | Northern Two-lined Salamander |
| Four-toed Salamander | Northern Slimy Salamander | Northern Spring Salamander    |
| Common Mudpuppy      | Red-spotted Newt          | Northern Redback Salamander   |

All entrants are invited to attend a “**Salamander Day**” Sessions Woods WMA, in Burlington, on July 20, 2014, from 1:00-4:00 PM, to view their artwork on display. Salamander Day will feature a presentation of awards, educational programs on salamanders, live salamanders, and salamander crafts. Please visit [www.ct.gov/deep/salamanders](http://www.ct.gov/deep/salamanders) to learn more about this fun-filled day of salamanders.

## *Year of the Salamander Art Contest Guidelines*

*\*All entries must be postmarked by May 30, 2014 Contest Open to Connecticut Residents Only*

1. This contest is open to all Connecticut youth in grades kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Entries will be judged in five age groups: K-1<sup>st</sup> grade, 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade, and 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade. **Each contestant must illustrate a salamander that is native to Connecticut** (see list on other side). *(Immediate family members and relatives of employees of the CT DEEP and the Connecticut Science Center are not eligible to participate in this contest.)*
2. Entrants can submit one original piece of artwork. They must submit the work as an individual.
3. Mediums of acceptable art are paint, pencil, markers, ink, crayon, pastel (fixed), charcoal (fixed), and collage.
4. All entries must be original artwork and include the child's name, phone number, and age on the back (**Do not use permanent marker!**)
5. Artwork should be 11" by 8.5" in size only.
6. A completed entry form must also be affixed to the back of each piece of artwork. Please attach the entry form with tape or other fixative, **do not use paperclips or staples!**
7. Art entries must be done on paper that will allow for duplication, display, or framing. Please do not use notebook or typing paper, and **do NOT mat, mount, laminate, frame, or fold artwork**. Entries must be mailed flat — no folding, please!
8. Upon submission of artwork, contestants and their legal guardians grant non-exclusive reproduction and publication rights to the works submitted. First place winners (in each age group) will have their artwork published in *Connecticut Wildlife* magazine and displayed on the DEEP website and at the Sessions Woods Conservation Education Center in Burlington. All other entries also will be on display at Sessions Woods for "Year of the Salamander Day" on July 20, 2014. **Winning** entries will be returned after September 1, 2014. All other submitted artwork will not be returned, but may be picked up during "Salamander Day" or any time thereafter during regular office hours (Mon-Fri, 8:30 AM-4:00 PM).
9. All entries must be postmarked by May 30, 2014. We are not responsible for entries that are late or lost in the mail.
10. Winners will be notified by mail or phone in mid-June 2014, and announced on July 20, 2014, during the Year of the Salamander Day at Sessions Woods.
11. Each age group will have one first place winner, one second place winner, one third place winner, and one "most creative." All winners will receive ribbons, a one-year subscription to *Connecticut Wildlife* magazine, and a *Connecticut's Wildlife – Worth the Watching* poster. First place winners (in each age group) will be awarded a Family Pass to the Connecticut Science Center and will have their artwork published in *Connecticut Wildlife* magazine and on the DEEP website. Second and third place winners will receive age appropriate books/guides on salamanders. All entrants who attend "Salamander Day" will receive a copy of the booklet *Explore Connecticut's Wildlife at Sessions Woods*.

Artwork should be submitted to: CT DEEP Wildlife Division, Sessions Woods WMA, P.O. Box 1550, Burlington, CT 06013

Questions? Please call the Sessions Woods office at 860-675-8130 (Mon-Fri, 8:30 AM-4:30 PM) or E-mail [deep.ctwildlife@ct.gov](mailto:deep.ctwildlife@ct.gov).



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