



**Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection Wildlife Division
Year of the Turtle 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 Environmental Protection Wildlife Division's (CT DEP WD) Year of the Turtle Art Contest the non-exclusive right and permission, in respect to the original artwork that I have submitted to CT DEP 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 DEP WD Year of the Turtle 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 DEP WD to use only the first name of my child). I hereby release and discharge CT DEP 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 DEP 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 DEP 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 DEP WD Year of the Turtle Art Contest is my own original work.

Child's signature _____

Artwork submitted for the Year of the Turtle Art Contest must be of a turtle that is native to Connecticut. Visit the Year of the Turtle Web page (www.ct.gov/dep/yearofturtle) to learn about the turtles found in our state. Turtles that qualify for this art contest include:

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| Bog Turtle | Painted Turtle | Atlantic Green Sea Turtle |
| Common Musk Turtle | Spotted Turtle | Atlantic Ridley Sea Turtle |
| Common Snapping Turtle | Wood Turtle | Leatherback Sea Turtle |
| Eastern Box Turtle | Northern Diamondback Terrapin | Loggerhead Sea Turtle |

All entrants are invited to attend a **Year of the Turtle Day** Sessions Woods WMA, in Burlington, on June 26, 2011, from 1:00-4:00 PM, to view their artwork on display. Turtle Day will feature a presentation of awards, educational programs on turtles, live turtles, and turtle crafts. Please visit www.ct.gov/dep/yearofturtle to learn more about this fun-filled day of turtles.

Year of the Turtle Art Contest Guidelines *All entries must be postmarked by June 8, 2011

1. This contest is open to all youth in grades kindergarten through 5th grade. Entries will be judged in three age groups: K-1st grade, 2nd-3rd grade, and 4th-5th grade. **Each contestant must illustrate a turtle that is native to Connecticut** (see list on other side). (*Immediate family members and relatives of employees of the CT DEP and 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 at the Sessions Woods Conservation Education Center in Burlington. All other entries also will be on display at Sessions Woods for "Year of the Turtle Day" on June 26, 2011. Winning entries will be returned after September 1, 2011. All other submitted artwork will not be returned, but may be picked up during "Turtle Day" or any time thereafter during regular office hours (Mon-Fri, 8:30 AM-4:30 PM).
9. All entries must be postmarked by June 8, 2011. We are not responsible for entries that are late or lost in the mail.
10. Winners will be notified by mail or phone after June 16, 2011, and announced on June 26, 2011, during the Year of the Turtle Day at Sessions Woods.
11. Each age group will have one first place winner, one second place winner, one third place winner, and one honorable mention. 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. Second and third place winners will receive age appropriate books/guides on turtles. All entrants who attend "Turtle Day" will receive a copy of the booklet *Explore Connecticut's Wildlife at Sessions Woods*.

Artwork should be submitted to: CT DEP 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, 8:30-4:30) or E-mail dep.ctwildlife@ct.gov.



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