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Mammoth Monument Hosts 5th Annual Art Contest

Waco, Texas (September 2, 2016) – Calling all artists! The Waco Mammoth National Monument invites anyone interested to submit art or photography for the 2016 Waco Mammoth Art and Photography Contest in honor of National Fossil Day. The contest theme is “Your Favorite Fossil from a National Park,” and the contest is open to all area schools and the public. (Teachers, please consider working with your students to generate fabulous fossil art!)

Theme: Artwork or photography submitted should focus on fossils from National Parks. More than 260 units of the National Park Service have fossils of some kind. There are records of everything from microscopic plankton to giant dinosaurs and marvelous mammoths. Artists are encouraged to think about the following questions: *What makes the fossil special to you? What kind of message would a fossil write to you? How do you picture the fossil? Do you imagine it as a living thing? Did you see it in a visitor center or museum? Or did you come across it while hiking or camping? If you draw it in life, what might its surroundings look like?*

Submissions: Four age groups will be judged: 8 and under, 9-13, 14-18, and 19+. Work must be an original two-dimensional piece in the form of a sketch, painting, watercolor, photograph (black/white or color), or computer-generated image. All artwork should be able to fit inside a 13"x 17" envelope or smaller, or if submitting a digital photograph, the image should be no larger than 5 Mb. Please attach your name, age and phone number to the piece and include a copy of both entry forms [attached] with your submission. Submit entries in person or by mail to:

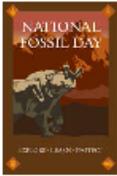
Waco Mammoth National Monument
6220 Steinbeck Bend Rd
Waco, TX 76708

Deadline: The deadline for submission of entries to Waco Mammoth National Monument is 5:00 PM on September 23, 2016. Winners will be forwarded to the National Contest in Washington, D.C. by October 5th. Waco Mammoth National Monument winners and National winners will be announced on National Fossil Day, October 12, 2016.

Judging: Contest judging will be done by a panel of local artists and teachers and will be based on presentation, quality, originality, creativity, and relevance to the theme. Prizes from Waco Mammoth National Monument may include certificates, novelty items and reproduction in publications.

For more information, please contact Raegan King, Site Manager of the Waco Mammoth National Monument at 750-7946 or email her at: mammoths@wacotx.gov.

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OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM
2016 NATIONAL FOSSIL DAY™ ART
and PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST
http://go.nps.gov/nfd_art

Name	Age
Address	City State Zip
Email Address	Daytime Phone #
Teacher's Name (if sending through school)	School Name and Address

Please tell us about your favorite fossil from a National Park:

(You may continue on back)

Signature below affirms review and agreement with all contest rules.

Signature (of parent or guardian if entrant is under 18) _____ Date _____

Eligibility: Contest is open to any interested person of any age. Contestants must be United States residents.
Deadline: All submissions must be postmarked by Wednesday, October 5, 2016.
Recognition: One winning submission will be chosen for each age group. All finalists' entries will be posted to the National Fossil Day website.
Judging: Artwork will be judged by a panel of scientists on presentation, quality originality, creativity, and relevance to and incorporation of the National Fossil Day Art Contest theme.
Other Rules: By submitting an entry, the entrant agrees to allow the National Fossil Day partners to use his or her name to post on the National Fossil Day website, without compensation unless prohibited. All entries and all rights of ownership in and to the entries, including all rights to use, reproduce, publish, modify, edit, and distribute the same will become the exclusive property of National Fossil Day partners and will not be returned. The National Fossil Day planning committee reserves the right to edit, modify, copyright, publish, use, and reproduce any and all entries without further compensation. The National Fossil Day planning committee, its agents and contractor, are not responsible for lost, late, misdirected, incomplete, or postage-due entries. Contest void where prohibited or restricted by law.

Submit Entries To:
National Fossil Day 2016 Art
Contest American Geosciences
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