

Ohio Marine Debris Art Challenge



Marine debris is one of the most widespread pollution problems facing the world's ocean and waterways. But it is also a topic which individual citizens, including students and adults, can become part of the solution. Even during this challenging time when many are at home, our waste can still become marine debris. **We want your help to raise awareness about the global problem of marine debris, especially in the Great Lakes.** We're looking for original and inspiring art from students in coastal Ohio to help encourage others to be part of the marine debris solution. For this contest, art should be created using repurposed and cleaned materials from your trash can!

This year, artwork should focus on Lake Erie wildlife. We encourage you to research the impacts of marine debris on local wildlife and use your creativity to showcase these animals using materials from your trash!

Eligibility: All students in **grades 6-12** from the Lake Erie region of Ohio enrolled in recognized public, private, and home schools are eligible to participate. Schools, including home schools, must be in compliance with federal and state civil rights and nondiscrimination statutes. We also encourage organizations and clubs that are not affiliated with schools to participate (e.g., Scouts, 4-H). *Students may work individually or in a group of no more than 4 students with an adult in a leadership role. Each individual or group of students may only submit one entry. There is no limitation on the number of entries a teacher/adult, classroom, school, or organization may submit.*

CONTEST RULES

Criteria: After learning about marine debris in the ocean and Great Lakes and how we all may be contributing with our trash, students will create marine debris artwork from repurposed trash, which will focus on Lake Erie wildlife! **All entries must meet the requirements below.** Students are highly encouraged to check out the NOAA Marine Debris Program's website for information about marine debris: <https://marinedebris.noaa.gov/> and teachers are encouraged to use the "Trash Tracker" curriculum as a resource ([An Educator's Guide to Marine Debris](#) -pages 22-24). We've also provided a recorded presentation and alternative waste tracking worksheet for those that may be learning virtually. All contest materials may be found at:

<https://marinedebris.noaa.gov/outreach/communicating-clean-future-ohio-marine-debris-challenge>

Required Curricula & Essay: Students are required to complete a marine debris lesson and write one 750 word essay for each piece of artwork submitted. The essay should focus on what they learned about marine debris, how they evaluated the waste they produced, and how they can personally make changes to the amount of waste they produce. While specific lessons are at the discretion of the teacher or coordinating adult, we recommend using the “Trash Tracker” curriculum ([An Educator’s Guide to Marine Debris](#) - pages 22-24). This lesson has been aligned to meet Next Generation Science Standards and Ohio Revised Science Education Standards. For those that may find the lesson challenging to complete in a virtual setting, we have also provided a recorded presentation and waste audit worksheet for students to complete at home. Other marine debris curricula will also satisfy this requirement, explore some options here: <https://marinedebris.noaa.gov/activities-and-curricula>

Art Requirements:

- There should be 1 to 4 students per entry; Groups should have no more than 4 students
- Artwork must be made primarily of repurposed trash from the waste at home or school, such as clean plastic, metal, or paper. The exception to this rule would be the base the artwork stands on.
- Art should focus on the theme of Lake Erie wildlife
- Art must be less than 2ft x 2ft in size and able to stand on its own, if necessary.
- Be creative! Different types of artwork (e.g., sculpture, diorama, mural, likeness, mixed media) are all encouraged.
- Any electrical elements should run off of battery and no hazardous materials should be used
- Avoid any licensed characters, brand and product names, as well as licensed music in the artwork (i.e., hide product names on debris items).
- Each individual or group of students may only submit one entry. There is no limitation on the number of entries a teacher/adult, classroom, school, or organization may submit.

Entry Form & Student Releases:

- There should be one entry form filled out per group. Please ensure that the entry form is filled out completely and legibly.
- Student releases need to be signed by a parent/guardian (or the student if they are 18+) and included with the submission. Digital signatures are allowed.
- **Please email the entry forms, essays, pictures of the art, and student releases to sarah.lowe@noaa.gov by 11:59pm EDT on April 15th, 2022.** We will notify you of a drop off location/time for the art piece if you are selected as a finalist. **Failure to submit all of the required materials will result in disqualification from the contest.*

For questions, please contact either bixler.42@osu.edu or Sarah.Lowe@noaa.gov

Competition Process:

An awards panel will collect all entries and select the top three winners from middle school and the top three winners from high school, for a total of six winning entries. Entries will be judged

on the creativity and content, demonstration of student knowledge, written essay, and clear relationship to the theme.

Prizes:

All six winners will receive a single day entry to Cedar Point Amusement Park during Physics, Math, and Science Week in early summer 2022, subject to park scheduling. They will be publicly recognized by dignitaries and will be featured at the Ohio Sea Grant/Ohio State University Stone Lab and NOAA Marine Debris Program booth. Winning students will share their artwork with other students, teachers, and guests at Cedar Point on the day of the recognition event. In addition to entry to Cedar Point, winning teams from each age group will receive the following:

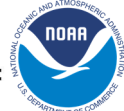
- First place: Winners will receive a day field trip to Ohio State University's Stone Laboratory on Gibraltar Island, Ohio, including roundtrip passage on Miller Ferry.
- Second place: Winners will receive admission to a tour/educational center in their local area.
- Third place: Winners will receive student gift bags featuring products from sponsoring organizations.

All six winning groups will receive a plaque in recognition of their award, reusable ware, and the artwork will be featured on organizational websites and other forms of media communications. Artwork may also be displayed at partner venues. In addition, the awards panel may choose to recognize honorable mentions.

Donating & Sponsoring Organizations:

NOAA Marine Debris Program
Ohio Sea Grant
The Ohio State University Stone Laboratory
Ohio Congressional District 9
Cedar Point Amusement Park
Lake Erie Charter Boat Association
Miller Ferry Boat Line

This contest was created in 2016 in partnership with the NOAA Marine Debris Program, Ohio Sea Grant/OSU Stone Laboratory, and Ohio Congressional District 9 (Rep. Marcy Kaptur).



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ENTRY FORM

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Team Name: _____

Students: Please write names of group participants on the next page.

Grade Level(s): _____

Title & source of curriculum that was completed: _____

Teacher/Group Leader's Name: _____

School Name (or home school): _____

School Address: _____

School/Teacher Phone #: (____) _____

Teacher/Leader Email Address: _____

Please ensure accuracy as this information will be used to contact winners.

Did you include the following required items?

- This completed entry form
- Student Release Form for EACH student
- Essay (Minimum of 750 words)
- Photo of Art Piece

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PLEASE READ

Submission of this entry implies permission to use the student's name (first name and last initial) in materials announcing results of the contest and in any use by the contest organizers of the artwork in their publications and websites.

- Check here if you **do not permit** use of the student's name (first names and last initials) and school in the above mentioned items.

***Please note that entries will not be returned.**

Student Names (at least 1, but no more than 4). PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY:

Please describe your art, how it was made, and how it relates to the theme:

For more information on the contest, visit <https://marinedebris.noaa.gov>

Release and Information Form

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I, _____ hereby irrevocably grant a non-exclusive and nontransferable
(parent or legal guardian)
license to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the NOAA Marine Debris Program, Ohio Sea Grant, and partners, for use(s) of my child's name (first name and last initial) and art as authorized below. I hereby warrant that I have the right to grant this license and that I have sole copyright ownership of the art in question.

Compensation

I agree to allow the use of my child's name (first name and last initial) and art as authorized below, and therefore I relinquish compensation in any form for the uses outlined below.

Signature

Date

Authorization (mark the following with an X)

Permission is granted for my art and photograph(s) to be used by:

- NOAA Marine Debris Program
 NOAA Marine Debris Program partners, including Ohio Sea Grant
 Any and all users (public domain)

for use in:

- Unlimited education and outreach uses (*Education and outreach uses include, but are not limited to, display of Video and photograph(s) on websites, in exhibits and brochures, as well as other educational materials.*)
 Other (please specify) _____

for length of time:

- In perpetuity
 For the duration of (please specify) _____

Finally, I agree that the NOAA Marine Debris Program & partners have, by securing my permission and additional information in this release, done everything possible to anticipate the various use(s) of my child's name (first name and last initial) and art and to ascertain my wishes regarding uses of my child's name (first name and last initial) and art. If there is any violation of this agreement by any party other than the NOAA Marine Debris Program, I agree not to hold NOAA responsible.

Signature

Date

Child's Printed Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

State/Territory: _____ Zip code: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please complete and submit with artwork, or email (scan) the completed form to the following contact:

Email: Sarah.Lowe@noaa.gov