

Dept. of Natural Resources: Announces 2022 Keep Wildlife Wild poster contest

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The DNR announced that the 2022 Keep Wildlife Wild poster contest is now open. /
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MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) announced today that the 2022 Keep Wildlife Wild poster contest is now open. Students in fourth, fifth and sixth grades enrolled in public, private, parochial or home schools in Wisconsin are eligible to participate.

The Keep Wildlife Wild program began in 2014 to spread the word about our shared role in keeping all wildlife healthy in its natural habitat. The contest's goal is to create a poster that teaches the importance of enjoying and observing wildlife in the wild and *not* keeping wildlife in homes or as pets.

During the warmer months of spring and summer, the frequency of human and wildlife encounters increases, especially those involving young wild animals.

While most of these encounters are harmless, there are times when well-intentioned people disrupt wildlife because they mistake a lone baby animal for an orphan.

The Keep Wildlife Wild poster contest is a fun way for kids to help spread the important message to keep wildlife wild. The DNR encourages students to find out how they can help keep wild animals in Wisconsin safe and healthy on the [Keep Wildlife Wild webpage](#). Students can learn to turn their ideas into a piece of art.

Judging will take place in March. Those who submitted designs will be notified by email of winners during the first week of April. The DNR will also announce winners during the fifth annual Keep Wildlife Wild Week in April.

For inspiration to help design your poster and learn about Wisconsin critters, visit [EEK! Critter Corner](#) or check out the DNR's [Keep Wildlife Wild webpage](#).

All submissions must be received electronically via email or by mail and must include the student's entry form and artwork by **5 p.m. on Feb. 18, 2022**. Submit entries to:

Wisconsin Keep Wildlife Wild Poster Design Contest
Department of Natural Resources, Attn: Amanda Kamps
22501 Rib Mountain Dr.
Wausau, WI 54401
Email: keepwildlifewild@wisconsin.gov

POSTER CONTEST RULES:

- The poster entry **must contain the words:** “Keep Wildlife Wild 2022” and follow the theme of: “If you care, leave them there!”
- All posters **must consist of original artwork** of **Wisconsin native** wildlife.
- Posters must **fit an 8 ½” x 11”** sheet of paper.
- Posters must be **submitted individually**; no team creations.

[For a complete list of rules and requirements, please visit the DNR’s Keep Wildlife Wild 2022 Poster Design Contest webpage.](#)

Any entry that fails to comply with the contest’s requirements will be disqualified and won’t be considered by the judging panel.

Educators can find Keep Wildlife Wild resources, including a lesson plan and PowerPoint featuring a script and an in-class interactive activity that teaches students about the initiative, on the [Keep Wildlife Wild webpage](#) under Teaching Tools for Grades 4-6 near the bottom of the page.