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Students Asked to Submit Artwork for Earth Day 2009 Design

10th Annual Charleston County Earth Day Festival scheduled for Saturday, April 18, at Park Circle in North Charleston

<u>Charleston County Government's Solid Waste and Recycling Department</u> is asking students in grades four through eight to submit artwork for the 2009 Charleston County Earth Day Festival design contest.

The theme of the contest and festival is "Do Your Part; Be Earth Smart," which means preserving and protecting the Lowcountry environment, while focusing on litter control, recycling, energy and water conservation.

The Charleston County Earth Day Festival design contest is intended to highlight the creative talents of Charleston County students and promote the 2009 Earth Day Festival.

The winning design will be displayed on this year's Earth Day Festival T-shirts and will be on the cover of the festival's newspaper insert and other advertisements. The artwork will be framed and presented at the Charleston County Earth Day Festival on Saturday, April 18, at Park Circle in North Charleston. The winner will also be given a bag filled with recycled products.

To accommodate more people, the Earth Day Festival will be held on the Saturday prior to the national Earth Day, which is Wednesday, April 22. Earth Day was established as a national holiday in 1970, and is now celebrated by over a half-billion people around the world.

Submission Rules

- Design entries must be submitted by 4 p.m. on Friday, March 20.
- Students submitting artwork for this contest must be residents of Charleston County and must be in grade levels four through eight.
- Only one entry can be submitted per student.
- Entries can be mailed or hand-delivered. Submit artwork to the Charleston County Recycling Center; Attn: Jenny Bloom; 13 Romney Street; Charleston, SC 29403.
- Designs submitted to this contest will become the property of the Charleston County Solid Waste and Recycling Department.

Design Specifications

- The design must be the student's original work.
- The image created should convey the purpose of the Earth Day Festival and caring for and respecting the earth.
- The 2-dimensional image should not be larger than 8 1/2" x 11" in size. Any entries received that are larger than 8 1/2" x 11" will not be considered for the contest. Artwork can be in color or black and white.
- Students must attach a sheet of paper to their design indicating their name; home address; city/state/zip; student's phone number; student/parent e-mail; school name; teacher's name;

teacher's e-mail; student's grade; and student's age. Students must provide all information requested to be eligible to win.

For more information about this year's Charleston County Earth Day Festival or the design contest, call <u>Charleston County's Solid Waste and Recycling Department</u> at (843) 720-7111.

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