



## Charleston County News Release

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### **Students Asked to Submit Artwork and Poetry for Earth Day 2011**

*12<sup>th</sup> Annual Charleston County Earth Day Festival scheduled for Saturday, April 16, at Park Circle in North Charleston*

[Charleston County Government's Environmental Management Department](#) is once again asking students in kindergarten through six grade to submit artwork for the 2011 Charleston County Earth Day Festival design contest. New this year, the department is also asking students in grades seven through 12 to submit a poem for a poetry contest. The deadline to submit artwork or poetry is 4 p.m. on Friday, April 1.

The theme of both contests and the festival is "*Do Your Part. Be Earth Smart.*"

"The art and poetry contests are intended to highlight the creative talents of Charleston County students and to promote the 2011 Earth Day Festival," said Nancy Carter, Charleston County Environmental Management Department's Community Representative. "We encourage children to get creative and have fun for an important cause."

The winning artwork design will be printed on this year's Earth Day Festival Volunteer T-shirts and will be on the cover of the festival's newspaper insert and in other advertisements. [Charleston County Council](#) will acknowledge the artist at a regular Council meeting, and the artwork will be framed and presented at the Charleston County Earth Day Festival on Saturday, April 16, at Park Circle in North Charleston.

The winning poem will also be printed in the festival's newspaper insert and will be framed and presented at Earth Day Festival, where the winner will have the opportunity to read the poem.

Charleston County 2011 Earth Day Festival will be held on the Saturday prior to National Earth Day, which is Thursday, 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.

#### **Contest submission rules**

- Entries must be submitted by 4 p.m. on Friday, April 1.
- Theme must be about the environment (recycling, water, energy, a combination of these, etc.).
- Students must be residents of Charleston County and must be in kindergarten through six grade for the art contest.
- Students must be residents of Charleston County and must be in seven through 12 grades for the poetry contest.
- Only one entry can be submitted per student.
- Entries can be mailed or hand-delivered to the Charleston County Recycling Center; Attn: Nancy Carter; 13 Romney Street; Charleston, SC 29403.
- Submissions to these contests will become the property of the Charleston County Environmental Management Department.

#### **Specifications**

- The art and poetry must be the student's original work.
- The theme should convey the purpose of the Earth Day Festival and caring for and respecting the earth.

- The two-dimensional image should not be larger than 8½ inches x 11 inches in size. Artwork can be in color or black and white. Poetry should be typed on paper that is 8½ inches x 11 inches.
- Students must attach a sheet of paper to their work listing 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 art and poetry contests, call [Charleston County's Environmental Management Department](#) at (843) 720-7111.

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