Students Asked to Submit Artwork for Earth Day 2012

13th Annual Charleston County Earth Day Festival scheduled for Saturday, April 14, at Riverfront Park in North Charleston

Charleston County Government’s Environmental Management Department is once again asking students in kindergarten through sixth grade to submit artwork for the 2012 Charleston County Earth Day Festival design contest. The deadline to submit artwork is **4 p.m. on Friday, March 16, 2012.**

The theme this year is “*Put Your Green Foot Forward.*”

“The art contest is intended to highlight the creative talents of Charleston County students and to promote the 2012 Earth Day Festival,” said Bronwyn Santos, Charleston County Environmental Management Department’s Community Representative. “We encourage children to be creative and have fun for an important cause.”

The winning artwork design will be printed on this year’s Earth Day Festival 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 to the winning student at the Charleston County Earth Day Festival on Saturday, April 14, at Riverfront Park in North Charleston.

**Contest submission rules**

- Entries must be submitted by 4 p.m. on Friday, March 16, 2012.
- The image should convey the theme of the Earth Day Festival, “*Put Your Green Foot Forward,*” and caring for and respecting the earth.
- Students must be residents of Charleston County and must be in kindergarten through sixth grade.
- Only one entry can be submitted per student.
- Entries can be mailed or hand-delivered to the Charleston County Recycling Center; Attn: Bronwyn Santos; 13 Romney Street; Charleston, SC 29403
- Submissions to the contest will become the property of Charleston County Environmental Management.

**Entry Specifications**

- The art must be the student’s original work.
- 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.
- Students must attach a sheet of paper to their work listing their name; home address; city/state/zip; student’s phone number; student/parent email; school name; teacher’s name; teacher’s email; student’s grade; and student’s age. Students must provide all information requested to be eligible to win.
- Prizes will be awarded!
Charleston County’s 2012 Earth Day Festival will be held on the Saturday prior to National Earth Day, which is Thursday, April 22, 2012. Earth Day was established as a national holiday in 1970, and is now celebrated by over a half-billion people around the world.

For more information about this year's Charleston County Earth Day Festival or the art contest, visit the Charleston County website at recycle.charlestoncounty.org or call Charleston County’s Environmental Management Department at (843) 720-7111.

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