

NORTH DAKOTA EARTH DAY PATCH CONTEST RULES

In an effort to bring awareness and develop consciousness about the environmental condition of our planet and North Dakota, the North Dakota Game and Fish Department is sponsoring the North Dakota Earth Day Patch Contest. Winners will be chosen from three grade categories: K-4, 5-8 and 9-12 grades. The grand prize patch design winner is chosen from one of the three winning categories.

Each winner will receive an outdoor kit which includes a pair of binoculars and field guides. The grand prize winner will have their design displayed on this year's recognition patch, be featured in the North Dakota OUTDOORS magazine and on the North Dakota Game & Fish Department website.

The grand prize winning design will be used on a patch to be given out to the members of school groups, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, 4H clubs, outdoor clubs and community groups that participate in Earth Day cleanup projects in North Dakota throughout the year. Contestants are urged to get their communities involved in Earth Day projects on publically owned or managed lands in or near their communities. Good luck!

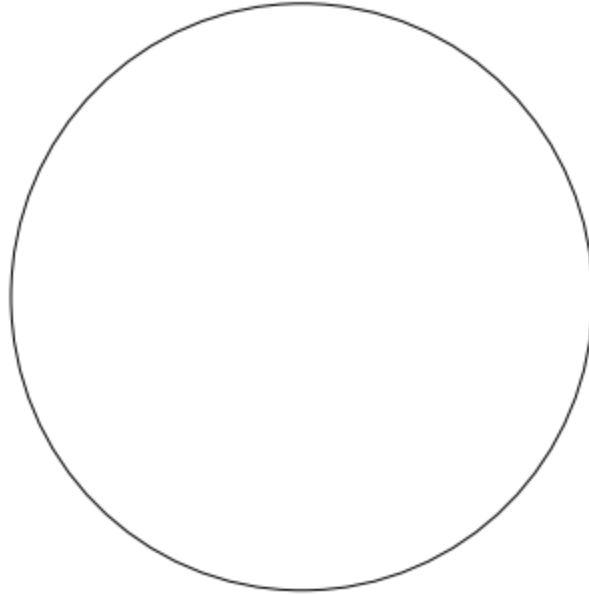
Contest Rules:

- The patch is **round and three inches** in diameter. Use the template on the entry form to ensure the correct size.
- You may use only **5 colors on the patch design**.
- Acceptable media are markers, crayons, colored pencils, oil pastels, ink, or paint.
- All artwork must be original.
- **No digital artwork will be accepted.**
- **No lettering on the patch.** Entries with slogans, dates or any words will **NOT** be judged.
- The patch design should incorporate some aspect of Earth Day such as environmental awareness, respect for the earth, water quality, wildlife, or habitat conservation in North Dakota.
- The contestant must be a North Dakota resident and youth in grades K-12. The categories are K-4, 5-8 and 9-12 grades.
- All contestant information must be clearly printed on the entry form.
- Only one entry per person is allowed.
- **Only submit original entries** (no copies or duplications) by March 1.
- Do not detach patch design from entry information.
- **Do not reduce entry form size by cutting page size.**
- Contest **deadline is March 1.** Entries must be received by the deadline. Mail before March 1 so your entries are received by the deadline.



Earth Day Patch Contest Entry Form

Design your patch in the circle



Student Name: _____

Grade Category: Circle correct category K-4 5-8 9-12

School: _____

Teachers Name: _____

School Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

School Phone Number: _____

Teacher's Email: _____

Send your Earth Day Contest Patch Design to:

**Sherry Niesar, Earth Day Contest Coordinator
North Dakota Game & Fish Department
100 N. Bismarck Expressway
Bismarck, ND 58501**

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