



Water Environment  
Association of Texas



# 2023 WATER ART CONTEST

KINDERGARTEN - 6TH GRADE

## ATTENTION: TEXAS EDUCATORS!

WE NEED YOU FOR THE 2023 WATER ART CONTEST!



### WHAT IT TAKES:

1. Sign up to be a participating classroom **by Oct. 2, 2023** ([click here for interest form](#))
2. Include a water-related activity in your Fall 2023 lesson plan
3. Instruct students to create 8.5"x11" artwork based on **one of these themes:**
  - a. *What can you do to protect water?*
  - b. *Why are you thankful for water?*
4. Collect art entries from students and send to contest **by Oct. 27, 2023**
5. Join the online awards ceremony to celebrate winners
6. Sit back and receive your complimentary calendar (and prizes, if applicable)

Contact WEAT/TAWWA for details **and/or** volunteers for classroom presentations and activities.

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## GET CREATIVE WITH STEM

Lessons on the water environment and the importance of water to human civilization can apply to a wide range of ages and TEKS objectives.



Add some creativity to your classroom by pairing this art contest with an activity focused on the water environment. Help us celebrate Imagine a Day Without Water!

## CONTEST AWARDS



- Up to 13 WINNERS will be featured in the 2024 Calendar **AND** receive a prize
- Top 3 winners (1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place) **AND** their sponsoring teachers will receive a **SPECIAL PRIZE!**
- Winners and Honorable Mentions will be recognized in online awards celebration

## PRIZES AND AWARDS DATE TBA!



Winning students' artwork will be featured in a calendar like these!



## 2023 IMAGINE A DAY WITHOUT WATER ART CONTEST

### ATTENTION: Texas learners in K - 6<sup>th</sup> grade!

The Water Environment Association of Texas (WEAT) and the Texas American Water Works Association (TAWWA) need your creativity for the [2023 Imagine a Day Without Water Art Contest](#).



### Why are we doing this?

Imagine a Day Without Water (IDWW) is a national campaign to raise awareness of the value of water in our lives. As the leading water/wastewater professional organizations in Texas, WEAT and TAWWA organized this annual art contest to engage the next generation and encourage them to be environmental stewards. We hope you will see this as an opportunity to combine your lessons on environmental science and the water cycle with artistic projects to spur discussion and creativity. This year, Imagine a Day Without Water is on October 19, 2023 (<https://imagineadaywithoutwater.org/>).



### How does it work?

We ask that you incorporate the art contest (rules below) on its own or as part of another water-based activity. This could be a short activity or a longer project in which learners add to their artwork over time. Because water is an essential resource, there are no limits to the topics you can discuss, and we have provided some resources within this packet. When your activities are complete, **please send the artwork to us for judging no later than October 27, 2023.**

**TEACHERS: Fill out [this interest form](#) to tell us how you're celebrating the contest and find WEAT/TAWWA volunteer support, if needed!**

### Prizes

- ◆ Up to 13 overall winners will be selected and their artwork will be featured in the annual **WEAT/TAWWA Imagine a Day Without Water Calendar** for the upcoming year (2024)
- ◆ Winners chosen for the calendar will receive a complimentary calendar AND a prize
- ◆ Special prizes will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place winners (*special prizes awarded in the past include 6-month KiwiCo subscriptions in 2021 and Thames & Kosmos Hydropower Science kits in 2022*)
- ◆ The sponsoring/organizing teachers who assisted the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place winners will also receive a prize (*\$50 Amazon gift cards in past years*)

### Virtual Celebration



A **live virtual event** will be held to announce the contest winners and share other water-themed activities. Stay tuned for details! Winners will be notified in advance and may have opportunity to speak during the program.



## Contest Rules and Requirements

**Entry Deadline:** Friday, October 27, 2023

**Theme:** **What can you do to protect water? Why are you thankful for water?**

***Need more inspiration about the theme? Here's something to think about!***

*Water is truly amazing. It is found almost everywhere, can assume any shape, and forms in various states. Water can be a solid block of ice, a hot cloud of steam, and of course a cool liquid that refreshes and replenishes. Water is powerful enough to light up cities through hydroelectric power and so mighty that it can carve gorgeous canyons into the earth. Water can cool and clean us, but can also heat and dirty us.*

*Of all the things water does for us in our daily lives, what is it that you are thankful for? Why is water so important and what can you do to help protect water?*

### Requirements:

- ◆ Only one entry per student allowed
- ◆ Must include a completed entry form
- ◆ Artwork must be developed by a Texas student in Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade (homeschool and individual entries are welcome – entry is not required to be part of a school or class activity)
- ◆ Artwork must be original (no copyrighted products or images)
- ◆ Entries must be submitted using 8.5"x11" size paper in a horizontal layout (landscape)  
OR photograph of the artwork in standard aspect ratio
- ◆ Do NOT write your name on the front of the artwork (to ensure anonymous judging)
- ◆ MEDIA RELEASE: The artwork will become the property of the WEAT/AWWA. All submitted artwork may be featured in WEAT and AWWA publications and social media platforms.

### How to Enter (choose one!)

✉ Email artwork and entry form to Nyla Langford: [nblangford@sig-auto.com](mailto:nblangford@sig-auto.com)

✉ Mail artwork and entry form to:

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💻 Fill out the [online entry form](#) **\*\*Requires Google account\*\***

This link can also be found at [www.weat.org](http://www.weat.org) under "Engage > Upcoming Events"





# ENTRY FORM

*Tip for Teachers: Fill out this section and save it BEFORE giving away copies!*

Teacher/Organizer Information	
Teacher Name	
Email	
School	
City	

Student / Artist Information			
Title of Art			
Student Name			
Grade Level		City	
<p><b>CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING</b> and write 1-2 sentences in response (you may attach another sheet):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What can you do to protect water?</li> <li>2. Why are you thankful for water?</li> <li>3. Tell us about your artwork and what you wanted to show</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>This will be printed in the calendar if you are selected as a winner!</i></p>			
<b>PARENTS/GUARDIANS, PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SECTION</b>			
Parent/Guardian Name			
Parent/Guardian Phone Number		Email	
Address where prizes will be mailed if selected			
If selected, do you agree to have your student's first name, school name, and school's city printed in the calendar?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES, please print the artist's credit <input type="checkbox"/> NO, please label the artwork by "anonymous"		

BY SUBMITTING THIS ENTRY FORM, I CONFIRM THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS CORRECT. I understand that the artwork will become the property of the Water Environment Association of Texas (WEAT) and American Water Works Association (AWWA), two nonprofit organizations, and is for WEAT/AWWA's printed and digital use.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

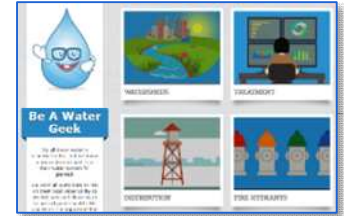
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Date



## Teacher/Parent Supplemental Information

**IDWW Inspiration:** Select resources are available at: <https://imagineadaywithoutwater.org/>

**TAWWA “Be A Water Geek” Videos:** The TAWWA Education Division produced these animated videos covering a variety of topics such as watersheds, treatment, distribution, and fire hydrants. Each video is less than 3 minutes long; Spanish versions are also available. <https://vimeopro.com/texasawwa/watergeek-videos>



**Water Footprint:** Water is necessary to grow the food we eat and manufacture the electronics we depend on every day. On this website, you can look up the water footprint for different products, countries, or calculate your personal water footprint as part of an individual activity or group discussion: <https://waterfootprint.org/en/water-footprint/>

### Quick Facts:

- ◆ Each t-shirt produced uses 659 gallons of water
- ◆ 1.7 liters of water are used to produce 2 liters of soda
- ◆ 42 gallons of water are needed to make one slice of pizza



**Water for People:** WFP is a nonprofit organization that helps communities around the world to build water and sanitation systems. The resources below provide some background on their work and can help people understand the value of our own water/wastewater utilities. The success stories are also a great segue into careers in water!

- ◆ Facts on the global water crisis: <https://www.waterforpeople.org/the-global-water-crisis/>
- ◆ “40 Billion Hours” video (<2 min): <https://vimeo.com/49014417>
- ◆ Success stories of small businesses that partnered with WFP (each approx. 2.5 min):
  - Wastewater: <https://vimeo.com/113736685>
  - Water: <https://vimeo.com/113736684>

**Your Local Water Utility:** The best resource for knowledge about your own watershed, water supply, and distribution/sewer system will come from your local utility! Although not all utilities have educational staff, many of them communicate important public information through social media, newsletters, or billing inserts.

If your utility cannot assist with education activities, WEAT/TAWWA’s regional volunteer leads can help make connections. Find your local contact person at: <https://TexasWaterEd.org/>

**Careers in Water:** *Clean water depends on many people working around the clock to keep the water flowing and protect the health of people and the environment. We need a variety of trades and skillsets including operators, electricians, mechanics, laboratory technicians, engineers, chemists, computer programmers, communications and public education staff, and other business functions like management, customer service, and accounting. It is also a rewarding career that gives back to the community while providing a long future of job security.*



Encourage your students to thank the utility workers behind the pipes and consider future career options: <https://www.workforwater.org/>

## About WEAT/AWWA



**The Water Environment Association of Texas (WEAT)** is your expert on water quality in the state of Texas. We exist to preserve, protect, and enhance the state's water resources for Texans to enjoy. Clean water is an essential part of Texas and the high quality of life our residents enjoy every day. It is important to Texas' economy and growth. Having clean water depends on the committed individuals and vital infrastructure that protect and maintain our clean water supply now and into the future. WEAT comprises water environment professionals of varying backgrounds such as engineers, scientists, operations and collection system specialists, maintenance workers, professors/ researchers, and utility managers who work together for one goal: clean water.

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**The American Water Works Association (AWWA)** is an international, nonprofit organization focused on scientific and educational water activities. AWWA professionals seek to engage utilities, engineers, operators, and community members of all ages. Members strive to share knowledge with water customers and build lasting relationships in the community. Volunteering is a key focus of AWWA, as professionals value giving back to students in their cities. For over 135 years, AWWA has been publishing journals, hosting technical conferences, and providing guidance on water quality standards for the industry. Professionals look forward to continuing the legacy of sharing technical knowledge while making a positive impact for many more years to come.

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