



2nd Annual Youth Art Contest **International Year of Caves & Karsts**



April 17th – May 15th

Theme: Celebrate the International Year of Caves and Karsts with Black Hills Parks & Forests Association (BHPFA) a non-profit partner to public lands in the Black Hills and Nebraska. Through our art contest we want to encourage wonder and curiosity about cave and karst features locally and globally. This is for children from Kindergarten to 8th grade.

Draw or paint a picture to celebrate the unique and special ecosystems of caves and karsts. Art could include but not limited to cave and karst features, cave explorers, and animals that live in caves.

We encourage artists to research and learn new facts about caves and karst and reflect their new knowledge in their artwork. Here are some resources to learn more:

<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/caves/junior-cave-scientist-program.htm>

<https://www.nps.gov/jeca/learn/kidsyouth/beajuniorranger.htm>

<https://www.nps.gov/thingstodo/wind-cave-junior-ranger.htm>

Artwork Requirements:

- All artwork should be reflective of the contest theme listed above.
- Artwork created must be original.
- No watermarks or private logos will be accepted.
- Copyrighted, trademarked products, packaging, brand names and advertisements may not be used within the artwork. This rule will be strictly enforced.
- Size must be 8 ½" x 11"
- Suggested media can be (but is not limited to) oil, watercolor, pen and ink, crayon, chalk, markers, pastels, colored pencils, collage or paint

Conservation statement:

Please include an answer to one of the following questions with your artwork

- 1) "Why are caves important to protect?"
- 2) "What is one interesting fact that you learned about caves or karst to create your art?"

All honorable mention winners will receive a gift from BHPFA and the overall winner will have their artwork framed and displayed at partner and community locations. The winning artwork made into a postcard to be shared at our public land stores and events. There will be 3 honorable mention winners picked from each of the following grade groups as well as one overall winner: K-2nd, 3rd-5th, and 6th-8th



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The Required Information (found below) must be completed and mailed in with artwork. Entries must be postmarked by May 15, 2021. Winners will be announced on June 7th, 2021. Submit artwork to: **Black Hills Parks & Forests Association**

c/o Andrea Fountain
26611 Hwy 385
Hot Springs, SD 57747

Required Information

Name _____

Grade _____ Age _____

Parent/ Guardians Name _____

Parent/Guardians Phone _____ Email _____

School/ Town _____

Title _____

Medium Used _____

Conservation Statement: _____

_____ Date _____ Signature of Supervising Parent

_____ Date _____ Signature of Supervising Teacher

BHPFA is an official non-profit partner of Wind Cave National Park, Jewel Cave National Monument, Scotts Bluff National Monument, Agate Fossil Beds National Monument, Black Hills National Forest, Nebraska National Forests & Grasslands and the National Grasslands Visitor Center. BHPFA operates 16 retail stores for these five agencies. A portion of store proceeds is provided to the partners for educational materials and programs. The 2020 allocation to partners is \$59,450. This significant funding fills gaps left by federal funding shortfalls and allows BHPFA partners to fulfill their critical missions of sustaining and preserving our natural legacies. For more information about Black Hills Parks & Forests Association, check out the website at www.blackhillsparks.org or call 605-745-7020.

*Questions? Contact Andrea Fountain, Black Hills Parks & Forests Association
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