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North Dakota Educators:

RE: Youth Recognition Patch for Earth Day 2019

Developing a strong land stewardship ethic among our youth is essential to ensure a clean and healthy future for all of us living here in North Dakota. In an effort to instill that conservation ethic, I am pleased to announce that the North Dakota Game and Fish Department will again be offering Earth Day Youth Recognition patches to all school groups, 4H'ers, Boy Scouts, and Girl Scouts that assist in Earth Day cleanup projects, on state-owned or state managed lands, during the months of April and May 2019.

To make this project successful, we need your help. Your organizations are the experts in getting the work out, tapping into adult volunteers to act as supervisors, and helping to motivate our youth into action. As a first step we would like to offer a contest for the boys and girls to design the patch. This year, three winners will be chosen from three age categories (6-9, 10-13, and 14-18). The grand prize patch design winner will be chosen from one of the three winning categories. Each winner will receive a 10 x 42 power binocular and the grand prize winner will have their design displayed on the 2019 recognition patch and recognition in the North Dakota OUTDOORS magazine. Details about the contest are provided on the attached form.

We are looking forward to working with you and your organizations on this project. Together we can all make North Dakota an even better place to live. For additional information about this project please contact Pat Lothspeich at 701-328-6332 or email plothspeich@nd.gov

Earth Day Patch Contest Rules are on the back.

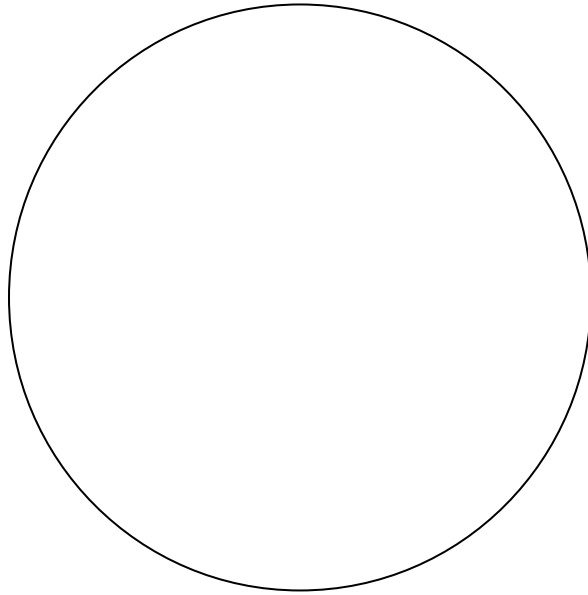
2019 NORTH DAKOTA EARTH DAY PATCH CONTEST

In an effort to foster a cleaner state, the North Dakota Game and Fish Department is sponsoring a contest to design a North Dakota Earth Day patch. Three winners will be chosen from the three age categories which are: 6-9, 10-13 and 14-18 year of age. The grand prize patch design will be chosen from the three winning designs from each age category. The winners of each category will receive a 10 x 42 power binocular. The grand prize winning design will be used on a patch to be given out to the members of school groups, Girls Scouts, Boy Scouts and 4H clubs that participate in Earth Day cleanup projects in North Dakota during the month of April and May 2019 and will be recognized in the North Dakota OUTDOORS magazine. Contestants are urged to get their youth organizations involved in Earth Day clean-up projects on state owned or managed lands in or near their communities. Have fun and good luck!

Contest Rules:

- The patch will be round and **three** inches in diameter.
- There will be a limit of 5 colors on the patch
- The patch should incorporate some aspect of Earth Day or keeping North Dakota and the environment clean.
- The contestant must be a North Dakota resident between the ages of 6 and 18 years...age categories are 6-9, 10-13 and 14-18.
- Lettering must be printed.
- The name, address and phone number of the contestant must be clearly printed on the entry form.
- Contest entry design sheet has been enclosed. Remember the patch size has to be **3** inches in diameter. The entry design should reflect this size limitation.
- Only one entry per person is allowed.
- Contest deadline is **March 15, 2019**.

2019 Earth Day Recognition Patch Entry Form



NAME: _____

STREET/BOX ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **Zip:** _____

PHONE NUMBER : _____ **AGE:** _____

E-mail : _____

Please send patch design to:
Pat Lothspeich
North Dakota Game and Fish Department
100 N Bismarck Expressway
Bismarck, North Dakota 58501

The entry form along with the patch design is due March 15, 2019. Good Luck!