

Dear Teacher:

Last year we were delighted to have had North Port High School participate in a student poster contest and this next year we're planning another such contest with another positive outcome.

The mission of North Port Friends of Wildlife is to raise awareness about our native wildlife while stressing the importance of protecting our natural world. We realize that reaching the youth of today is critical for they are indeed the future of tomorrow. For this reason, we're contacting you to ask for your support.

Last year the poster contest focused on the Gopher Tortoise, a State "Threatened" species, and this year we will be focused on State and Federally listed species (Threatened and Endangered) of Florida; our hope is to reach more students and to involve not just the art department as was the case last year but also the science department.

This contest would tie in with National Endangered Species Day, celebrated May 19th, 2023.

Once again, we will use a rubric to provide key points of focus along with some general guidelines; please see the enclosed. Also, we will award prizes to the students who come in First, Second, and Third place.

The non-profit organization, Center for Biological Diversity/Florida, will be the judge of the contestants' posters and reports and will use the criteria noted in the rubric for that purpose.

We look forward to hearing from you and thank you for your time.