

THE 2023 NORTH PORT FRIENDS OF WILDLIFE POSTER/ESSAY CONTEST!

This year the *North Port Friends of Wildlife (NPFOWL)* will be sponsoring a **Poster/Essay contest** about **Protecting Threatened and Endangered Species**.

Very Nice Gift Certificate prizes will be awarded to 6 winners.

If you live in the North Port area and are a middle school or high school student, see the below guidelines for a chance to learn and earn!

RULES TO ENTER:

1. Pick a threatened or endangered species in Florida.
2. Create a poster and report about that species following the rubric below.
3. *Use a 22" x 28" poster for the artwork.*
4. *Submit the written report in an envelope attached to back of your poster. The report should be one page double-spaced in size 14 font.*
5. *Obtain parental consent and attach it to the back of your poster. (get form here www.northportfriendsofwildlife.org)*
6. Turn in poster/essays by May 16 to your teacher.
7. Judging will be by the Center For Biological Diversity (Florida Division).
8. Winners will be announced around May 24.

RUBRIC TO FOLLOW:

Educational Report (5 points)

- 1) States chosen species and defines whether it is threatened or endangered
- 2) Gives the main threats to chosen species
- 3) States what actions can be taken to protect chosen species
- 4) Describes why conservation and biodiversity are important
- 5) Uses originality in wording (no cutting and pasting from websites)

Creative Poster (5 points)

- 1) Poster has captivating title
- 2) Poster is creative
- 3) Poster is original artwork
- 4) Poster is eye-catching
- 5) Poster message aligns with report

SOME REFERENCE SOURCES TO START:

<https://myfwc.com/media/1945/threatened-endangered-species.pdf>

https://www.biologicaldiversity.org/campaigns/esa_works/florida.html

<https://www.nwf.org/Our-Work/Wildlife-Conservation/Endangered-Species/Endangered-Species-Day> (May 19 is the annual Endangered Species Day!)