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Poster winners named  
For wetlands festival

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## Immediate Release

Poster contest winners at the upcoming 17<sup>th</sup> annual Wolf Lake Bi-State Wetlands, Wind and Water festival will be honored at 9:05 a.m. Saturday, May 27, at the Environmental Education Center, 2405 Calumet Avenue, Hammond.

The festival, free to the public, will be held May 27-28 at Wolf Lake. It is sponsored by the Association for the Wolf Lake Initiative (AWLI).

Poster participants attended three schools, Emerson High School, Gary; IN.; Douglas Taylor Elementary School, Chicago; and Discovery Charter School of Porter, IN. Members of Cub Scout Pack 518 of Whiting, IN, also participated. First-place winners are:

- ▶ China Williams, 18, Emerson, in the high school division.
- ▶ Jackeline Ruvalcaba, 7<sup>th</sup> grade, Taylor in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade division
- ▶ Leilani Guzman, 6<sup>th</sup> grade, Taylor in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade division
- ▶ Cece Post, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Discovery in first through third grade division

Second-place winners are:

- ▶ Latavia Cooks, 16, Emerson
- ▶ Denise Velazquez, 8<sup>th</sup> grade, Taylor
- ▶ Estefania Muñoz, 6<sup>th</sup> grade, Taylor
- ▶ Quinn Frey, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, Discovery

Third-place winners are:

- ▶ Kayla Williams, 7<sup>th</sup> grade, Taylor
- ▶ Rachel Gallup, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Discovery
- ▶ Ben Pollock, age 6, Cub Scout Pack 518

Receiving Honorable Mention honors are:

- ▶ Rimecca Morris, 18, Emerson
- ▶ Logan Klein, age 7, Cub Scout Pack 518
- ▶ Finn Dailey, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Discovery
- ▶ William Malerich, age 8, Cub Scout Pack 518

Supervising the young artists were Melissa Ramirez, science teacher at Taylor Elementary, Deborah Weiss of Emerson and Annette Hansen of Discovery. Scout leader Ron Hill supervised members of Cub Scout Pack 518.

First-place winners will receive \$25. Second- and third-place winners will receive \$15 and \$10, respectively.

Judges were Racine Kovach of the Lake County Solid Waste Management District and Mary

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Kuzniar of Chicago.

The contest was open to all youngsters in Wolf Lake area schools and members of youth groups.

The purpose of the contest is to promote awareness of the recreational activities at Wolf Lake and instill in participants a stewardship ethic in protecting the watershed.

Saturday's morning activities will be held at the Environmental Education Center and across the street at the old beach area at Wolf Lake Memorial Park. Saturday's afternoon session will be held near the visitors center at William Powers State Fish and Wildlife area, Chicago.

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For further information, call 219 933-7149 or 773 734-3202,

AWLI is a bi-state, not-for-profit organization and land trust dedicated to the protection and enhancement of the Wolf Lake watershed.

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