

Association for the Wolf Lake Initiative

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Working across state boundaries to enhance the Wolf Lake watershed

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AWLI to honor poster
Winners Jan. 13

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For Immediate Release

Poster contest winners will be honored at 9:05 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, at the Environmental Education Center, 2405 Calumet Ave., Hammond, as part of the 17th annual Winter Wonderland at Wolf Lake festival.

The festival, free to the public, is sponsored by the Association for the Wolf Lake Initiative (AWLI), a not-for-profit organization and land trust.

Placing first were Maritza Lopez, in the eighth- to 10th-grade division; Georjina Ceja among seventh graders; and Marco Barrera among sixth graders. All are students at Taylor Elementary School in Chicago.

Placing second were Gustavo Tavares, eighth to 10th grades; Jeremy Perez, seventh grade; and Keaira Jackson, sixth grade. All students attend Taylor Elementary.

Third-place winners in their respective divisions were Jackelin Ruvalcaba, eighth to 10th; Alejandra Lerma, seventh; and Jonathan Miranda, sixth. All students attend Taylor Elementary.

Receiving honorable mention in the eighth- to 10th-grade division were Mariana Martinez of Clark High School and Sammie Tevenal and Luis Chavez of Taylor Elementary.

Honorable mention recipients for the seventh grade were Jose Vaca, Nathalie Escorza, and Alejandro Garcia. Sixth-graders receiving honorable mention were Sofia Gomez and Leslie Magallanes. All students attend Taylor Elementary.

Supervising the young artists were Melissa Ramirez of Taylor Elementary School and Laura Cochran of Clark Middle and High School.

First place winners will each receive \$25 for their artwork. Second-place winners will each receive \$15. Third-place winners receive \$10 each.

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

The festival showcases Wolf Lake and surrounding natural areas as a year-round resource for recreation and education. Its purpose also is to promote bi-state cooperation.

AWLI also will conduct poster competitions later in 2018 for its Wetlands, Wind and Water festival on May 26-27 and for its Active Living Faire on Sept. 29. All of the festival is supported in part by a grant from the Legacy Foundation of Lake County.

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Note: Below is a schedule of events for the 17th annual Winter Wonderland at Wolf Lake festival.

Environmental Education Center **2405 Calumet Ave., Hammond**

9 a.m.: Welcome

9:05 a.m.: Poster contest winners honored

9:20 a.m.: Visit exhibits and displays and tour building and trout stream with Racine Kovach, Lake County

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Solid Waste Management District

–*Over the Line* by AWLI

--Native American artifacts by Les Marszalek

--Amphibians and reptiles of the Calumet Region by Alan Resetar of the Field Museum

9:30 a.m.: Retrieving Native American artifacts by archeologist Les Marszalek

9:30 a.m.: Skating by John Pastirik

10:30 a.m.: Mudpuppies at Wolf Lake by Jared Bilak

11:00 a.m.: Underground Railroad by author Larry McClellan

Noon: Transfer to William W. Powers State Recreation Area

Visitors Center, William W. Powers State Recreation Area
Avenue O and 126th Place, Chicago

1:00 p.m.: Welcome

1:05 p.m.: Visit exhibits

1:05 p.m.: Skating by John Pastirik

1:15 p.m.: Mudpuppy research demonstration at Wolf Lake by
Jared Bilak, Southern Illinois University

2:00 p.m.: Wolf Lake Watershed Advisory Committee report by
Michael Boos, AWLI

2:30 p.m.: Tree identification tour by John Pastirik

3 p.m.: Concluding comments