

SPEAK UP FOR STURGEON! ART CONTEST

Students are encouraged to submit drawings, sketches, poetry, timelines, diagrams, infographics, original songs, videos, or short stories to promote conservation of the Great Lakes' threatened Lake Sturgeon. Submissions are a student's ticket to participate in the Huron Lady Sturgeon Science Cruise.

Topic Ideas

- Michigan **Lake Sturgeon** biology and habitat
- **Lake Sturgeon** and native fish role & importance in the St. Clair River
- The history of **Lake Sturgeon** in the Great Lakes
- Fish protection, clean water, and pollution prevention
- Research and care of **Lake Sturgeon** in the Great Lakes

Submissions

- **Paper entries:**
 - Use letter-sized paper (8.5"x 11"), and do not mount, frame, fold or roll submissions.
 - Include the following on the **BACK** of the entry: Student's name, Teacher's name, School
- **Digital entries:**
 - Files must be saved as .jpg, .png, or .mp4 files. Video maximum length is 30 seconds.
 - Digital entries may be emailed or shared to Friends of the St. Clair River via Google Suite or Microsoft OneDrive.
- **All entries:**
 - No misspelled words or depiction of copyrighted material.
 - Keep it **fresh!** Submissions will be disqualified if ocean life or other sturgeon species are depicted.
 - Submissions become property of the Friends of the St. Clair River.
 - Mail or drop off completed entries by April 25, 2024 to Friends of the St. Clair River, Attn: Melissa Kivel, 301 N. 9th Street, Suite 15, St. Clair, MI 48079. Email digital files to melissa@scriver.org.

Judging

- Finalists will be chosen based on effectiveness and accuracy of the message, creativity and originality.
- Finalist's artwork will be on display at the Blue Water Sturgeon Festival on June 1, 2024. (SturgeonFestival.com)
- Judging will take place by a public vote using pocket change and online donations. Teachers will be notified of finalists in May.

Prizes

- Finalists' artwork may be featured on promotional materials or on social media. During Sturgeon Festival, the top three winners will be announced and receive a prize package as well as hand-release a baby Lake sturgeon into Lake Huron at Lighthouse Beach. Students do not need to be present to win prizes, but do need to be present to hand-release a baby sturgeon.
- Homeschool students will be awarded two tickets for a Sturgeon Cruise if their entry is chosen as a finalist.

Important Dates

April 25 – Submission deadline; voting begins in May
May 30 & 31 – Sturgeon Science Cruises aboard the Huron Lady II
June 1 – Winners announced during Blue Water Sturgeon Festival



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