

Aquatic Invasive Species Education Trailer Art Contest!

Sponsored by the Washington Invasive Species Council (WISC) and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)



Criteria

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) Invasive Species Education Trailer will be traveling to schools, libraries, and events all over the state to inform the public about invasive species that threaten Washington's natural resources, economy, recreation, and ecology. This art contest is an opportunity to help design the exterior wrap design for the Invasive Species Education Trailer.



This contest is limited to students in high school grades 9 through 12 using digital art mediums such as photographs, illustrations, cartoons, digital paintings, and more.

All entries must include high resolution WDFW and WISC logos, available at WDFW.wa.gov or Invasivespecies.wa.gov.

Entries must also depict invasive species (with common name labels) that are the greatest threats to Washington's waters, parks, and wildlands, along with one or more of the following messages:

- [“Clean, Drain, Dry!”](#)
- [“Don't let it lose!”](#)
- [“Play, Clean, Go”](#)
- [“Buy It Where You Burn It”](#)
- [“Squeal on Pigs”](#)
- Protect Washington's Land and Water from Invasive Species

Entries must also include a description(s) of one or more species that could be or has been introduced into waters, parks, or wildlands. Options are:

- [Quagga and Zebra Mussels](#)
- [Eurasian Watermilfoil](#)
- [Flowering Rush](#)
- [Northern Pike](#)
- [European Green Crab](#)
- [New Zealand Mudsnail](#)
- [Feral Swine](#)
- [Northern Giant Hornet](#)
- [Japanese Beetle](#)
- [Garlic Mustard](#)

Winning designs must also include information on prevention ([How You Can Help - Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers](#)) of Invasive Species, such as:

- ✓ [Cleaning, draining, and drying watercraft](#)

- ✓ [Brushing weed seeds and mud from hiking or wader boots](#)
- ✓ Reporting invasive species using [Washington Invasives mobile app](#)

All entries must be submitted in a PDF or JPEG format and a resolution of at least 300dpi.

The winning design will be made into a wrap for a trailer with the following dimensions:

Art Contest - Trailer Dimensions



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The back panel of the trailer will be dedicated to zebra and/or quagga mussels. Please include [Clean, Drain, Dry messaging](#); and photos of WDFW mussel dogs Puddles and Fin. High resolution photos of Puddles and Fin can be found at WDFW.wa.gov.

How to Submit

Entries must be received between **Nov. 1 and Dec. 31, 2022**. Entries must be submitted by emailing a PDF or JPEG to invasivespecies@rco.wa.gov. To qualify, participants MUST complete and submit an entry form (available at WDFW.wa.gov or Invasivespecies.wa.gov in addition to their artwork.

For questions or more information, contact Sgt. Pam Taylor of WDFW Police at pamela.taylor@dfw.wa.gov or 509-435-6236.

Prizes

Two winners will be selected. Prizes for the grand prize winner include an Amazon gift card in the amount of \$500, invasive species educational materials, and their design used as a wrap on the WDFW Invasive Species Education Trailer. The runner up will receive a \$300 Amazon gift card.

Legal information:

All contest submissions become property of the Washington Invasive Species Council and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. The agencies reserve all rights for the artworks use in publications, in media, online, and in social media. These are not exclusive rights. Artists can use their own submissions freely for other projects.

Contest Background

What are invasive species?

Invasive species include non-native organisms that cause economic or environmental harm and can spread to new areas. (Domestic livestock, intentionally planted crops, or non-harmful exotic organisms are not considered invasive species.) Learn more about invasive species in Washington on the [Washington Invasive Species Council website](#).

What is the Washington Invasive Species Council?

The Washington Invasive Species Council was established by the State Legislature in 2006 to coordinate invasive species prevention efforts around the state to sustain Washington's human, plant, and animal communities and our thriving economy.

How can I stay involved?

Get the app and get involved! With a guardian's permission you can download the [WA Invasives app](#) and identify and report invasive species in your community. It's FREE!