



2009 Artwork Contest

The judges will select one winning entry for each of the following events--Forestry Invitational, Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Contest, and Natural Sciences Camp. Winning entries will appear on resource handbooks, t-shirts, and /or event programs.

There is only one division. Any current Junior or Senior 4-Her may enter. The winner will receive free registration for the event that displays his/her artwork.

The design must:

- use the TM 4-H clover
- contain the year and name of the event
- be simple
- fit the dimensions of a t-shirt
- contain appropriate content material (refer to Alabama 4-H Dress Code)

Each design must contain the following information on the back:

- name, age & county
- Extension Agent's name
- ink and t-shirt color suggestions (a maximum of two colors of ink will be used to print designs on t-shirts)

Here are a few tips to remember when designing art for any T-shirt:

1. Simple is better. Because of the process in which T-shirts are printed, some drawings with a lot of shading and drawn textures are hard to reproduce. Try drawing simple objects and use solid coloring rather than realistic shading.
2. Be Creative. Make a list of all the different objects and ideas involved with this 4-H program and see how many of them you can draw. For instance, if you were trying to design a T-shirt for a summer camp that focuses on swimming you might list "Water", "Sunshine", "Waves", "Swimsuit", "Splash", "Fun" or "Exercise".
3. Look around. If you aren't sure how to draw something, find a picture of it. Look at the object carefully and use it to help you with your design. Rather than drawing all the details of an object, decide what characteristics are most important to completing the picture. For instance, a bird's wing has many, many feathers but we only need to see indications of a few feathers in order to understand a bird's wing.

NOTE: All selected artwork is subject to changes for purposes of reproduction.

CAMERA READY ARTWORK MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE STATE 4-H OFFICE BY 4:45 P.M. ON DECEMBER 4, 2009. A maximum of three entries per county will be accepted.