



WHAT I LOVE ABOUT MANATEES

CHILDREN'S ART CONTEST

Presented by
Manatee Lagoon – An FPL Eco-Discovery Center®





2021 “What I Love About Manatees” Children’s Art Contest

Starting Monday, Feb. 1, 2021, Manatee Lagoon – An FPL Eco-Discovery Center® will be celebrating its 5th anniversary with its first-ever Virtual ManateeFest event. As part of the celebration, Manatee Lagoon is inviting children from all over to participate in the “**What I Love About Manatees**” children’s art contest. “**What I Love About Manatees**” is a juried art competition for children, ages 17 and under.

The contest is designed to inspire appreciation for manatees and their place in the environment. Artists can feature manatees in their natural surroundings, including manatees and other animals that live in the sea or on the land.

The contest will be judged in four different age groups and there will be one grand prize and one honorable mention winner awarded per group. Contest grand prize winners will receive a one-on-one behind-the-scenes virtual session with one of Manatee Lagoon’s Manatee Masters (the center’s educators), plus a Manatee Lagoon gift basket (valued at \$250). Honorable mention winners will receive a Manatee Lagoon gift basket (valued at \$150).

How it works: Please read all rules and deadlines stated in this document carefully and follow them. Due to the fact that this is a contest for children and youth under the age of 18, those interested in participating must have a parent or legal guardian submit the signed release form confirming that all work is original and prepared solely by the child. Again, the artwork will showcase **what the young artists love about manatees**.

- Make your art piece unique. Artwork must include at least one manatee. Creativity is encouraged!
- Consider including some other elements from a manatee’s natural environment, for example seagrass, water or other marine life.

Participating children may submit one (1) artwork entry into the contest with a paired signed parental release form. Entries must be postmarked by Sunday, Feb. 28, 2021. Detailed artwork entry delivery/submission instructions are outlined below.

“What I Love About Manatees” children’s art contest submissions will be judged in four age group categories:

- Category 1: ages 6 and under
- Category 2: ages 7-9
- Category 3: ages 10-12
- Category 4: ages 13-17



Artwork submissions that meet the contest requirements will be reviewed and judges will choose one (1) grand prize winner and one (1) honorable mention from each age group category for a total of eight (8) winners overall. Winners will be announced on March 24, 2021 and winning art pieces will be posted on www.VisitManateeLagoon.com/ManateeFest-Art-Contest, as well as Manatee Lagoon's Facebook and Instagram social media pages. Grand prize winners will win a one-on-one behind-the-scenes virtual session with one of Manatee Lagoon's Manatee Masters (the center's educators), as well as a Manatee Lagoon gift basket (valued at \$250). Honorable mention winners will win a Manatee Lagoon gift basket (valued at \$150). Winners will be contacted directly to coordinate receipt of the prizes.

Artwork entry instructions:

Artwork must be mailed to:

Manatee Lagoon
Attn: ManateeFest Art Contest
6000 N. Flagler Dr.
West Palm Beach, FL 33407

No electronic entries can be accepted. Entries must be postmarked on or before Feb. 28, 2021 for consideration.

Artwork Guidelines: All artwork must meet the following requirements:

- Artwork submissions must be an original drawing or painting created solely by the child for this contest.
- Artwork sizes must be between **8 ½" x 11" and 12"x18"**. No other sizes will be accepted.
- Artist's name must be written on the back of the artwork.
- At least one manatee must be included in the artwork.
- Additional features of manatees' environment (e.g. water, seagrass) are encouraged.
- Any 2-D technique (watercolor, oil, ink, chalk, pencil. etc.) may be used.
- Artwork must not infringe upon a copyright.
- The release form found on the final page of this document must be completed and submitted with each entry. Failure to submit release form automatically disqualifies participant from contest.
- Do not laminate or frame artwork. This will ensure a consistent format for judging.
- Manatee Lagoon cannot be responsible for any late, lost or damaged entries.



Awards:

Grand Prize Winner: The grand prize winner in each category will receive one (1) one-on-one behind-the-scenes virtual session with one of Manatee Lagoon's Manatee Masters (the center's educators), as well as a Manatee Lagoon gift basket (valued at \$250). There is a limit of one (1) grand prize winner per age level category.

Honorable Mention Winner: The honorable mention winner in each category will receive a Manatee Lagoon gift basket valued at \$150. There is a limit of one (1) honorable mention winner per age level category.

Additional Rules:

- No entries will be accepted that are postmarked after the deadline of Sunday, Feb. 28, 2021.
- All entries and the artist names may be used by Manatee Lagoon for present and future promotions, as determined solely by Manatee Lagoon.
- All judging criteria and the selection process are determined by a panel of independent judges.
- Artwork becomes the property of Manatee Lagoon once received and will not be returned to artists.
- The decision of the judging panel is final, and there is no right of appeal.
- All winning entries will be displayed online at the www.VisitManateeLagoon.com/ManateeFest-Art-Contest website page and Manatee Lagoon's Facebook and Instagram social media pages beginning on March 24, 2021, following the winning announcement.
- Limit one (1) entry per person/per child during the duration of the contest. Multiple entries received from one child will void all additional entries and entrant may be disqualified. Please note, if a family has more than one child contestant, that is ok, but only one piece of art per child.

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2021 "What I Love About Manatees" Children's Art Contest Release Form

This form must be completed for each participating artist and submitted with each entry. This information will be kept in confidence and will not be provided to anyone outside the Art Contest committee. The exception to this will be contest winners. Manatee Lagoon will publish the winning art pieces and the only accompanying information that will be included will be winners' name, age and home state.

Artist Name: _____

Age at the time of entry in this contest: _____

Home Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Parent or Guardian Name(s): _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN ACKNOWLEDGMENT & RELEASE FORM

I am the legal guardian of the child named above. I read and understand the contest entry rules and agree to abide by them. I authorize Manatee Lagoon and Florida Power & Light Company ("FPL") to use and include his/her name, and the submitted artwork (in any form) in any publicity effort and any present and future promotion, including but not limited to: promotional materials (both print and online), signage, video, photography, and newsrelease announcement/s and resulting news stories.

This authorization is restricted to use related only to Manatee Lagoon and Florida Power & Light Company.

As the legal guardian for the child, I release and waive any legal rights related to or connected to the submitted artwork and agree to hold harmless Florida Power & Light Company, Manatee Lagoon, and each of their respective officers, directors, employees, partners, and affiliates, regarding any claims that the submitted artwork is not a true original work of the child.

In consideration of my child being permitted to participate in the above described contest, I, for myself, my child, and our personal representatives, heirs and next of kin, hereby clearly and unequivocally release, waive, discharge from and against, and covenant not to sue with respect to , Florida Power & Light Company and/or Manatee Lagoon, any and all liability, loss or damage based on negligence or other tort, and any claim or demands for the same, relating in any way to the contest.

Printed name of parent or guardian: _____

Signature of parent or guardian: _____