

*"An increasing body of evidence shows that a relationship with the natural world helps children become healthier in body and mind - the Junior Duck Stamp program is a wonderful gateway to the that relationship."*

~ H. Dale Hall, Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

### About the Federal Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Contest

The Federal Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program is an integrated science, art, and social studies curriculum developed to teach environmental science and habitat conservation. A Junior Duck Stamp design is a "term paper" in which students use visual rather than verbal articulation to show what they have learned. Participants select a species of North American waterfowl, research the species and its habitat, then depict the waterfowl in an artistic medium.

K-12 students attending public, private, or home schools in the United States are eligible to enter. Entries are judged in 4 grade groups: K-3rd; 4th-6th; 7th-9th; and 10th -12th. The Best of Show is selected from the 12 first place winning designs and competes in the national competition in Washington, DC. First Place National Winner receives a \$1,000 cash award and a free trip to participate in the First day of Sale ceremony in late June or early July. All National and State winning designs are on traveling exhibit throughout the year and are returned to the students the following spring.

Be sure to check the [US Fish & Wildlife Service Federal Junior Duck Stamp Program](http://www.fws.gov/juniorduck) web site each year, to get up-to-date artwork requirements, permitted species list, and National awards information.  
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**The Wetlands Institute  
is the official site for  
Junior Duck Stamp  
entries and judging  
in the State of New Jersey.**

#### What is the role of The Wetlands Institute in the Federal Junior Duck Stamp Program?

Located in Stone Harbor, New Jersey, The Wetlands Institute was founded in 1969 as a non-profit organization dedicated to the research, education, and conservation of coastal ecosystems and wildlife. In 1994 The Wetlands Institute became the official site for the Junior Duck Stamp Program in the State of New Jersey. The initiatives of both the Federal Duck Stamp and Junior Duck Stamp program mirrors the Institute's long history and mission.

##### Vision Statement:

A world where wetlands and coastal ecosystems thrive, and all people know how essential these systems are to life.

##### Mission Statement:

To promote appreciation, understanding & stewardship of wetlands and coastal ecosystems through our programs in research, education & conservation.

##### Goals:

- Teach people of all ages the value of wetlands and coastal ecosystems for the survival of life on earth
- Conduct cutting-edge research regarding wetlands and coastal ecosystems
- Encourage stewardship of these ecosystems worldwide



## New Jersey's Junior Duck Stamp Program and Contest

**Conservation through  
Science, Art & Social Studie**  
*All in one program*  
**Connecting Children with Natu**

- encourages investigation
- increases appreciation for natural places
- instills a sense of heritage and stewardship



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## Two Programs to get your Students started on their Junior Duck Artwork



### Duck, Duck...Stamp!

#### *Designing the Next Junior Duck Stamp*

##### for Students Grades K through 3

Ducks are a fun bunch of birds, from their beautiful feathers all the way to their waddling, big, floppy duck feet. Through this program we are going to find out more about these amazing birds, their very amazing wetland habitats, and the Junior Duck Stamp Art Contest.

Every year children in grades K-12 throughout the State of New Jersey submit their sketches, drawings, and paintings of North American waterfowl to be judged and sent on to the National Junior Duck Stamp Competition to become the next Junior Duck Stamp for the US! We'll get you started along your way!

This is a two hour program.

Fee: \$8.00 per student, includes all materials.



Bring a bag lunch and dress for the weather - while most of our day will be inside, we will be venturing out for a closer look at the wetlands\*.

No art background is necessary, just come and have fun creating!

\* These programs can be done at our place or yours! Let's talk!

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### NATURAL ARTS & SCIENCES WORKSHOP:

#### *JUNIOR DUCK STAMP DESIGN*

##### for Students Grades 4 through 12

The Junior Duck Stamp is the capstone of the US Fish & Wildlife Service's Junior Duck Stamp Environmental Education Program. Through this program children learn about wetlands, their wildlife and the importance of conservation through the arts. We'll be exploring different art media and learning how to sketch, while we discover the "secrets of the salt marsh" and the ways of waterfowl.

This is a four hour program.

Fee: \$10.00 per student, includes all materials.



**TO ENTER JUNIOR DUCK STAMP CONTEST** Please visit: [www.fws.gov/juniorduck](http://www.fws.gov/juniorduck) Postmark entries by February 15