The Kansas State Pesticide Safety and IPM program is hosting an insect-themed art contest for Kansas 4-Her’s and art students. This year the artwork needs to fit into the contest theme of “The Benefits of Insects.” The goal is to explore why insects benefit us as a society and why they are important and create an art piece that captures that information. Selected artwork will be used to promote why insects are important and to create other educational items. Artists that have art selected will receive a certificate and a prize to recognize their achievement. We will select a winner from each of the outlined categories and one overall winner will be selected from those entries. Age categories are as follows:

1. Kindergarten – 2nd grade (1st -3rd place)
2. 3rd grade – 5th grade (1st -3rd place)
3. 6th grade – 8th grade (1st -3rd place)
4. High School (1st -3rd place)

**Rules:**

\*Only one artwork per student.

\*A COMPLETED entry form must accompany all entries.

\*Drawing must be on flat paper. It’s not that we want to limit the creativity, but protruding parts will create challenges to get the artwork on the intended media.

\*Entries must be the original work of the entrant – no traced or copyright protected images.

\*Individual drawings and paintings must not be larger than “8.5 x 11”. Original entries will not be returned, but if you want to keep the original then a jpeg or pdf of the image can be submitted. Just make sure that the image is clear.

\*Entries must feature an insect as the central point of focus that fits into the theme.

\*The title, artist’s name, 4-H club or school, grade and county must appear on the back lower right corner of the art. (You can cut out and use the label provided on the entry form.)

**Submission deadlines:**

Entries should be postmarked by April 15, 2022.

Mail entries to: Frannie Miller

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**Scoring guidelines:**

All entries will be judged according to their adherence to the contest theme and overall visual impact, originality, artistic skill, and effort level. We are looking for colorful and creative art that illustrates the importance of pollinators. Have fun!