



The Kansas State Pesticide Safety and IPM program is hosting an insect-themed art contest for Kansas 4-Hers and art students as well as adults. This year the artwork needs to fit into the contest theme of “Incognito: Insects in Disguise.” The goal is to explore how and why insects camouflage or imitate.

Selected artwork will be used to create 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. Categories are as follows:

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

**Categories:**

1. Illustrates a real-life insect that can camouflage or imitate
2. 3-D (pottery, stained glass, or other medias)

**Rules:**

\*Only one artwork per student/adult per category.

\*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. The exception is if you are entering a 3-D category.

\*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 can be returned if someone wants to pick up the art at the McPherson County Extension Office or pay for the postage for the item to be returned or 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. The Pesticide Safety and IPM will not pay postage for the return of artwork!

\*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, 2024.

Send 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. Have fun!

**Return of artwork:**

Art will be ready for release by June 1, 2024 and may be retrieved at the McPherson County Extension Office at 600 Woodside Street, McPherson, KS during operating hours.