



# ***CALL FOR ENTRIES***

## ***Parks and Recreation*** ***“Christmas In San Antonio”*** ***2009 Student Art Contest***

An opportunity for school children and youth to use their artistic talents to win citywide recognition and cash prizes in the “Christmas in San Antonio” Student Art Contest is being sponsored by the San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department and Wells Fargo.

**What is the theme of the art contest?** The theme is “Christmas in San Antonio”. Each piece of art entered must use this theme. Contestants should strive to capture their favorite parts of the fun, color and festive spirit of Christmas in San Antonio in their artwork.

**Who is eligible to enter?** The contest is open to all students in grades 4-12, who are enrolled in a public, parochial, private or home school that has a San Antonio physical mailing address or a home address that falls into the San Antonio Metropolitan Area. Students may not enter more than one design.

### **What are the categories?**

1. Students in grades 4 and 5 are judged in the Elementary School Category.
2. Students in grades 6, 7 and 8 are judged in the Middle School Category.
3. Students in grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 are judged in the High School Category.

### **When is the entry deadline? Where should entries be mailed or taken?**

All entries must be received in the office of the San Antonio Parks & Recreation Dept. by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, October 30, 2009. **Bring** or **mail** entries to the Ron R. Darner Parks and Recreation Operations Headquarters, 5800 Old Highway 90 West, San Antonio, TX 78227.

### **How will the winners be selected?**

A qualified panel of judges will base their decisions on the following:

1. How well the “Christmas In San Antonio” theme is carried out.  
**(The ability of the student to visually express the spirit of Christmas in San Antonio.)**
2. Originality of design.
3. Quality of workmanship in the child’s age category.

### **What are the Prizes and Benefits?**

There will be a total of \$850 in cash prizes. The entry selected as the Overall Winner will receive \$150. The winner in each category will receive \$75. Second place will receive \$50 and Third place receives \$25, plus plaques in each category. **A cash prize of \$250 will go to the School or Organization with the most qualified entries.**

### **What will be done with the winning artwork?**

The Overall Winner’s artwork will be used as the Christmas Card for the City of San Antonio. Selected artwork also will be displayed during the Christmas season at the San Antonio Children’s Museum and a selection of entries will be displayed at the Parks and Recreation’s headquarters located at the Ron Darner Facility. 5800 Old Hwy 90 W, San Antonio, TX 78227.



## **If a student wins, how will notification be handled? When will the prizes be presented?**

The Parks and Recreation Department personnel will notify winners. No notification will be given to non-winners. There will be a presentation of prizes to the winners November/December 2009, TBA at the San Antonio City Hall Council Chambers.

## **Are there any important rules?**

Yes. You should know that the rules are extremely important.

**Any piece of art that breaks one or more rules will be disqualified. Do not enter any piece of art that does not conform to the rules.** These rules are not arbitrary. They have practical, technological reasons behind them. The rules ensure that the winning entries can be reproduced.

# **CHRISTMAS ART CONTEST OFFICIAL RULES**

1. The artwork must be vertical. **Horizontal designs will be disqualified.**
2. The size of each piece of art must be 11" high and 8 ½" wide. It cannot be smaller or larger. No folding, bending or covers will be allowed.
3. No lettering, words or numbering will be allowed. Lettering, words or numbering will mean automatic disqualification. (This includes the artist's signature and the words CHRISTMAS / SAN ANTONIO).
4. Do not use neon, metallic, glitters or fluorescent paint in the design.
5. No images done on a computer will be accepted.
6. Do not mount or mat the artwork. All artwork that is mounted or matted will be disqualified.
7. Do not use materials that will flake or fall off easily with handling.
8. Three-dimensional techniques (such as collage) *will not* be accepted. Do not use such materials as colored tissue, construction paper, fabric, glitter, sequins, confetti, etc. to create a design. Any artwork that uses materials that are normally attached with glue or paste (or sewn on) will be disqualified.
9. **We encourage students to use any of the following materials in creating their artwork: Tempera or poster paint, felt-tip markers, oil pastel sticks, pastel chalk, acrylic paint, crayons, colored inks, watercolors and finger-paints. No oils please.**  
**Hint:** Teachers, please encourage your students to use "happy" or festive colors because the brighter and more intense the colors, the better they will reproduce in print. The judges must consider how well a piece will reproduce in their decision-making process.
10. We encourage students to do their artwork on such surfaces as standard, flexible poster board, heavy drawing paper, or other sturdy types of paper. **No stiff, inflexible bristol or crescent board please.** We are discouraging the use of lightweight paper (such as bond paper, typing paper and notebook paper) that will wrinkle and buckle easily with a wet medium such as tempera paint.
11. Entry Forms must be **completely and legibly** filled out (please print or type) and **securely attached to the back of the artwork.**
12. **Each entry must be the original work of one student.**
13. Artwork that has been submitted to other contests or that has been published elsewhere is not eligible for entry.
14. **All entries become the property of the San Antonio Parks & Recreation Department. After the contest, all winning and non-winning entries could be displayed at a variety of locations in San Antonio. Therefore it is highly suggested, for your portfolio, as an individual or organization to scan the original artwork prior to submitting.**

### **Still Have Questions?**

Call the Parks & Recreation Department at **207-3133**  
between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.



OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM  
“CHRISTMAS IN SAN ANTONIO”  
STUDENT ART CONTEST

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To enter, fill out the entry form located at the bottom of this page. Cut along the dotted line and attach the form securely to the back of entry. (Entry form may be mechanically reproduced or photocopied if additional copies are needed) **Please type or print legibly.**

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NAME OF STUDENT \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY /STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ PARENT'S WORK PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

AGE \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL DISTRICT (if it is a public school) \_\_\_\_\_

TEACHER'S FULL NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

TEACHER'S E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CATEGORY:       ELEMENTARY               MIDDLE SCHOOL               HIGH SCHOOL

**I agree to the rules of the “Christmas In San Antonio” Art Contest, and understand that my artwork will become the property of the Department of Parks & Recreation.**

Signature of Student

Date