



Audubon Society
of Rhode Island

Raptor Weekend T-Shirt Art Contest 2017

The Audubon Society of Rhode Island is inviting local youth to create original raptor-themed artwork to help us celebrate Raptor Weekend 2017. The winning entry will be printed on official Raptor Weekend t-shirts.

Raptor Weekend

Be on the lookout, here they come! Eagles, Owls, Hawks, and Falcons, formidable and magnificent predators of the sky, are headed to Bristol, Rhode Island. Razor-sharp talons, extraordinary strength, hooked beaks that rip and tear, and highly developed eyesight and hearing make raptors the rulers of the avian world. This September they will be descending on the Audubon Society of Rhode Island's Environmental Education Center in Bristol, Rhode Island for Raptor Weekend 2017. Wildlife rehabilitators and experts from across the Northeast will bring a wide variety of these extraordinary birds to the largest raptor celebration in New England. Eagles, owls, falcons and hawks will be featured in live flight demonstrations, educational programs, and activities for bird enthusiasts of all ages. Audubon presents a unique opportunity for visitors to get up-close and learn about amazing birds of prey in this fun, family-friendly weekend event. *Audubon Environmental Education Center, 1401 Hope Street, Bristol, RI; September 9th & 10th, 2017; 10:00 am-4:00 pm.*

Contest Information

The Raptor Weekend T-Shirt Art Contest is open to all youth in or entering **grades K-12**.

The theme of the contest is "**Local Raptors**". Artwork must depict a raptor that is local to Rhode Island. Please refer to the included list of raptors for ideas.

All artwork must be original, and must be done in black and white on white paper, not to exceed 9" x 12".

All artwork must have the completed entry form taped to the back.

Please do not include any words, logos, or names in the artwork.

Entries are due by **July 18th, 2017**.

Prizes

Prizes will be awarded to winning entrants in four grade categories: Grades K-2, Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8, and Grades 9-12. One grand prize winner will be chosen from all of the entries. All entries will be on display during Raptor Weekend 2017. All winners will be invited to come to Raptor Weekend for **free** along with two **free** guests for a special awards ceremony.

Grand Prize: One lucky artist will have their artwork turned into an official Raptor Weekend t-shirt. The artist will receive a complimentary t-shirt featuring their design; 2 additional free passes to attend Raptor Weekend 2017; a family membership to the Audubon Society of RI; and will be presented with a special certificate at an awards ceremony to take place during Raptor Weekend.

First Prize: First prize will be awarded to one artist from each grade category. The lucky artists will receive a special certificate, 6 passes to the ASRI Environmental Education Center, and additional prizes.

Second Prize: Second prize will be awarded to one artist from each grade category. The lucky artist will receive a special certificate, 4 passes to the ASRI Environmental Education Center, and additional prizes.

Additional awards and prizes may be added! Students who receive honorable mentions will be sent a special recognition certificate in the mail.

Raptors Local to Rhode Island

Barn Owl	Northern Saw-whet Owl	Sharp-shinned Hawk	Northern Harrier
Barred Owl	Short-eared Owl	Northern Goshawk	Bald Eagle
Eastern Screech Owl	Snowy Owl	Peregrine Falcon	Merlin
Great Horned Owl	Cooper's Hawk	American Kestrel	Red-shouldered Hawk
Long-eared Owl	Red-tailed Hawk	Turkey Vulture	
	Broad-winged Hawk	Osprey	

Please affix the completed entry form to the back of your artwork. Artwork must be postmarked or dropped off to the Audubon Environmental Education Center by July 18th, 2017. All entries will be on display at the Audubon Environmental Education Center and may be picked up at any time from September 9 – 23, 2017. Teachers: We will return your student entries in one packet. Winning artists will be contacted prior to Raptor Weekend 2017.

Please mail or bring entries to:

**Audubon Environmental Education Center
c/o Public Programs
1401 Hope St. Bristol, RI 02809**

**401-245-7500
www.asri.org**



Artist's Name: _____ **Grade:** _____

Raptor pictured in entry: _____

Parent / Guardian Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Mailing address: _____

OR *Teacher contact info:*

Teacher's Name: _____ School: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

By entering the Audubon Society of Rhode Island's Raptor Weekend T-Shirt Art Contest, I give permission to the Audubon Society of Rhode Island to use this work for display, promotion, reproduction, and distribution in all media and any form. All work will be credited to the artist.