

Invasive species topic of contest for youths

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife is looking for artists and future biologists to participate in the California Invasive Species Youth Art Contest. This year's theme is Pledge to Not Spread.

Students in grades 2-12 are eligible to enter the annual contest. All types of media are welcome, including paintings, animations, comic strips, videos, public service announcements, and more. Entries should depict what Californians could do to stop the spread of invasive species, along with appropriate messaging (for example, a written pledge to not release pets).

Winners will be chosen in three divisions: grades 2-4, 5-8 and 9-12. Winners from each division will receive awards and have their artwork displayed on CDFW's Invasive Species Action Week webpage. The submission judged best overall will receive the Invasive Species Program Choice Award.

The deadline for submissions is May 4, either by email or regular mail. The entry form is **online**.