



SCHIFF
NATURAL
LANDS
TRUST, INC.

The Schiff Nature Preserve

Presents



Our 25th Anniversary T-Shirt Design Contest

It's nearly Spring and the Schiff Nature Preserve needs your help celebrating our 25th Anniversary!

We're looking for students in Kindergarten through 6th grade to create beautiful, nature-themed designs using the number "25," that we'll use to design the t-shirts for our 2009 Schiff Summer Nature Program for Kids.

Artists are invited to use paints, crayons, markers, colored pencils, or pen to create the design, but please be sure to keep artwork two-dimensional. Entries should be sent to the Schiff Nature Preserve by March 1, 2009. Please see official contest rules on the attached sheet.

Did You Know?

- *Native American artifacts have been found along the rivers and streams near Schiff. The local Leni Lenape probably used the sheltered valleys to provide trail corridors and to find food resources.*
- *A long standing oral tradition locates a Revolutionary War outpost on a hilltop in the northern section of Schiff.*
- *The present Nature Preserve is part of the original Schiff Reservation that was donated in memory of Mortimer Schiff, who passed away while serving as National President of the Boy Scouts of America in 1931.*
- *Quiet hikes through an undisturbed spread of open, natural space on over eight miles of trails and 340 acres are the preserve's major attractions.*

Contest Guidelines:

- Limit – 1 entry per student
- Open to all students in grades K–6 (including public, private, and home schooled children)
- Contest will run 1/1/09 to 3/1/09 Entries may be delivered/mailed to nature center (postmarked by 3/1/09)
- Designs should be created using paint, crayons, markers, pen, or colored pencils
- Entries must remain two-dimensional and may not be computer generated.
- Design should clearly show the number 25, but creatively depict any sort of nature theme.
- There will be one winner from all entries grades K-6, notified by phone on April 1, 2009.
- Recognition of all entries will be held at the Schiff Annual Members Meeting on Sunday, May 17, 2009

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Detailed Rules & Guidelines

OVERVIEW

The contest is open to all students in kindergarten through sixth grade.

The objectives of the contest are to:

1. Create a 25th Anniversary design that will be reproduced on the t-shirts for the Summer Nature Program of 2009
2. Encourage community participation and interest in the Schiff Nature Preserve
3. Raise awareness of Schiff's 25th Anniversary

CONTEST RULES & REGULATIONS

Entrants

Open to all students in grades K–6 (including public, private, and home schooled children)

√ Must not be a professional artist

√ May not be contest judges, staff or trustees of Schiff Nature Preserve or members of their immediate families.

Entry Fees

The contest is free to current members of Schiff Nature Preserve. Non-members must include a \$5.00 entry fee with each submission. Checks should be made payable to Schiff Nature Preserve.

Submitting Your Entry

Each entry must include:

√ One 8 ½" x 11" sheet. Sheet may be un-mounted, or mounted on rigid boards or in simple frames to protect the artwork, but no substantial, large or ornamental frame may be used.

Nothing shall appear on the front of the page to indicate the identity of the entrant. No mounting or frames will be returned.

√ A sheet including name, phone number and age of artist.

√ A brief paragraph describing the design.

Completed entries should be brought or sent to:

Schiff Nature Preserve
339 Pleasant Valley Road
Mendham, NJ 07945

Contest Rules

√ The number "25" must be drawn on a sheet of 8 ½" x 11" paper.

√ The "25" should be creatively designed using a nature theme, keeping in mind that 2009 is the 25th Anniversary of the Schiff Natural Lands Trust

- √ The artwork must ONLY be done in black and white using pencil, pen and ink, crayons, markers, or paint.
- √ The design must be simple, straightforward and easy to reproduce.
- √ All artwork will become the property of the Schiff Natural Lands Trust.
- √ By entering the contest Schiff Natural Lands Trust is granted permission to publish your entry and display it with attribution.

Contest Deadline

All entries must be postmarked or hand delivered by March 1, 2008.

Judging

Decisions of judges are final. Judges will be the sole determiners for eligibility of the winner.

Judges will be selected by the Schiff Nature Preserve Executive Director and staff. Judging will be based on the merits of each submission. All entries will be judged blind, with all reasonable steps taken to protect the identity of the artist.

Notification of Winner

Judging will take place as soon as possible after March 1. The exact date is to be determined based on availability of judges.

The winner will be notified by phone and announced on April 1, 2009. A special acknowledgement will be held at the Annual Members Meeting on May 17, 2009. Other announcements may be made public through local newspapers.

There will be one first place winner. The winning design will be printed on the t-shirts for the 2009 Schiff Summer Nature Program.

The winner and his/her family will receive a one-year membership to the Schiff Natural Lands Trust. Additional prizes to be determined.

**All entries become the property of the Schiff Natural Lands Trust.
No entry materials will be returned.**

For questions, please call Tanya Sulikowski at the Schiff Nature Preserve. (973) 543-6004.

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