



2026 Youth Art Contest Guidelines

Hey kids! Use your creativity to design a poster celebrating the Delaware River!

This **Youth Art Contest** will be held during “**River Fest 2026**” at Trenton Thunder Stadium in Mercer County on September 12th. All entries will be on display during the event.

Winning Artwork receives A NIGHT AT THE BALLGAME!

- \$100 gift card for Dinner for a family of four (4)
- Four (4) ball game tickets
- Winner throws the opening pitch in the 2027 Thunder Season!

Youth Art Contest Guidelines:

1. Artwork must reflect the current **River Fest 2026—Delaware River FACT** (*see reverse side*)
2. Contestants **must be between the ages of 7 and 13 years** by September 30, 2026.
3. Only one poster per contestant will be accepted.
4. All artwork must be original and created solely by the contestant.
5. All artwork must be on standard size poster board (22”x 28”).
6. The contestant’s name must be neatly printed on the back of the poster.
7. “**River Fest 2026**” must be written across the top of the front of the poster.
8. Each artist must complete the **2026 Youth Art Contest Entry Form** (*see reverse side*) and include it with the artwork. All sections must be completed, including the *Artist’s Statement*.
9. Bring your artwork to **River Fest** on **Saturday, September 12** at Thunder Stadium, One Thunder Road, Trenton, NJ 08611. **Artwork will be accepted between 11am– 1pm**. Winner announced at 3pm.

Evaluation Criteria (For Judges’ use only. Rated on a scale of 1-5)	
	Creativity / Originality
	Does the artwork express knowledge of the Delaware River Fact 2026?
	Does the personal statement match the message of the artwork?
	Were the Contest Guidelines followed?
	TOTAL





2026 Youth Art Contest Entry Form

All Information must be completed in its entirety.

Artist Full Name: _____ Artist Age: _____

Release/Photo Waiver:

- My signature certifies that I have read the rules and regulations of this contest and that the artwork submitted is the work of the above artist.
- I give **River Fest** partners permission to use photographs of my child for promotional and/or educational purposes with the understanding that no personal information will be shared.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Signature: _____

Email: _____ Date: _____

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River Fest 2026 — Delaware River FACT

The Delaware River provides habitat for many birds including Bald Eagles, Osprey, and Great Blue Herons. Their presence along the river is a sign of good water, land, and air quality.

First Name Only _____

Artist Age _____

ARTIST'S STATEMENT — REQUIRED*

Use the space below to write 2 to 3 sentences about how the **FACT above** inspired your artwork.

River Fest Partners:

