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**We are pleased to announce the  
2021 Essay and Art Contest!**

**Good luck to all the participants!**

Consistent with Left Hand Watershed Center's mission of protecting and restoring watersheds in a collaborative and scientific nature, the Essay and Art Competition aims to: (1) promote watershed health awareness, (2) bring students from various backgrounds together in a healthy competitive environment, and (3) inspire students to be informed of issues affecting their communities.

Contest is open to public, private, and home-schooled students in **K-12th grade**. Only one entry per person, please. The first 100 participants will receive a **Lyons Dairy Bar gift card, free forest health sticker, and acknowledgement** on Left Hand Watershed Center and affiliate websites/social media outlets.

#### **TASK:**

- Draw scenes or compose an essay depicting your interpretation of a healthy forest ecosystem and future conditions you'd like to see.
- Students can get help from teachers, parents, and/or community members, but the content submitted must be using the student's words, thoughts, and craft.



Visit [WWW.WATERSHED.CENTER](http://WWW.WATERSHED.CENTER) for further information and our [BRAINSTORMING WORKSHEET](#). You might also choose to reference Watershed Center's Desired Future Conditions [documentation](#) and the Nature Conservancy [visuals](#).

Please follow our Instagram account [@watershed.center](#) to stay up to date with contest announcements. Spread the word! Post and tag us in your own social media accounts using [#healthyforests!](#)

#### **TO ENTER:**

Submit your entries [HERE](#). All entries must be received by **May 30th** to qualify.

\*By entering, you acknowledge that your submission may be published by Left Hand Watershed Center and its affiliates.

#### **ART**

- 1) Art submissions will be limited to one composition per entry.
- 2) Art recommendations:
  - creativity of theme expression and representation of desired future conditions of our forests
  - artistic medium of your choice
- 3) A scanned document or photo of artwork qualifies for submission or arrangements can be made for entries to be hand-delivered.

#### **ESSAY**

- 1) Essays will be limited to and not exceed one page in length (typed or written legibly)
- 2) Essays recommendations
  - clarity, content, grammar and theme development based on the age of the writer
  - adherence to standard English grammar rules
  - use of research sources as it pertains to the topic(s) referenced in the essay