

Water is Life

Student Art Contest

...for 3rd-12th grade students

2008 First Place Middle School Winner,
Roy Gonzalez, 6th grade,
Culver City Middle School

Sponsored by West Basin Municipal Water District
Co-sponsored by Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

First Place wins a new MacBook laptop computer!

Looking for a fun, simple way to help your students learn about water?

Participate in West Basin Municipal Water District's Student Art Contest and celebrate May 2009 as Water Awareness Month!

This project will inspire your students to learn about conserving our precious water resources while thinking of creative ways to promote the contest theme, "**Water is Life.**" Students may visit our web site at www.westbasin.org for additional water related information and see last year's art entries.

Entries will be accepted in various media: crayons, markers, pencils, paint, pastels, cut paper, fabric... The sky's the limit!

First place prizes will be awarded in elementary, middle and high school categories.

Please complete the attached entry form and adhere to the back of each submitted entry. Parents/guardians must sign the "Student Artwork Rights/Approval" section for each submission.

Send Artwork To:

West Basin Municipal Water District
ATTN: Darryl Ramos-Young
17140 S. Avalon Blvd., Suite 210
Carson, CA 90746-1296

Deadline for entries is Friday, March 20, 2009.

For further information, contact Darryl Ramos-Young at (310) 660-6216 or darrylr@westbasin.org.

2008 Water Is Life Student Art Contest

The rules listed below apply to all entries. In fairness to all, these rules are important and must be followed in order for the artwork to be considered as a winner.

Water is Life CONTEST RULES:

1. Contest open to students currently in grades 3-12 attending a school located in **one of the five West Basin service divisions** (see attached map and division boundaries). Artwork from students outside of the West Basin service area will not be accepted.
2. Artwork must be sent in a flat, sturdy box or package **(NO TUBES... and please do not fold artwork)**.
3. Each submitted entry to West Basin Municipal Water District **MUST** have a completed and signed entry form attached to the back of the artwork.
4. The **DEADLINE** for submitting artwork is **March 20, 2009**.

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5. Artwork must be **12" X 18"** in size and drawn on WHITE poster board or WHITE drawing paper. A **one-inch white or blank border is required on all four sides**. (Oversized and undersized artwork, as well as artwork without a one-inch boarder, will not be accepted)
6. Artwork must be drawn **horizontally**. (Vertical artwork will not be accepted)
7. Artwork should depict various water uses and/or wise water use...
 - a. inside or outside of the home or school
 - b. in industries or businesses
 - c. in the environment
 - d. in agriculture
 - e. in recreation
8. "Water Is Life" is the theme. A "short" water awareness or water conservation phrase must be written on the artwork (but not necessarily *water is life*). The less words written, the better. Keep it simple.

9. Words must be spelled correctly. Please check spelling and punctuation. Incorrect grammar or spelling will not be accepted.
10. BOLD, BRIGHT, BRILLIANT colors show up the best! Students may use the following art media: crayons, markers, pencils, paints, watercolors, chalks, cut paper or fabric.
11. Artwork must be **ORIGINAL** (no traced, trademarked, or copyrighted characters and slogans, i.e. Mickey Mouse, Sponge Bob, etc.) Also, no copycat ideas of artwork from past years.
12. A short poem, thoughtful reflection or personal testimony on the illustrated water awareness or water conservation topic must be written by the artist and recorded on the submitted entry form, or on an additional 8 ½ "x 11" sheet attached to the back of the artwork. Written submissions will be evaluated as part of the judging process.

Visit the following web pages for additional poetry resources...

Different types of poetry for kids:

www.kathimitchell.com/poemtypes.html

Winning water related student poetry from The River of Words program:

<http://www.riverofwords.org/poetry/index.html>

13. Artwork and writings must be truly the hands-on work of the student...and realistically represent the age, grade and developmental skill level of the student.

Thank you for your participation in the contest and your cooperation with regard to these contest rules. We are looking forward to receiving all of your fantastic art! If you have any questions, contact Darryl Ramos-Young at (310) 660-6216 or at darrylr@westbasin.org.



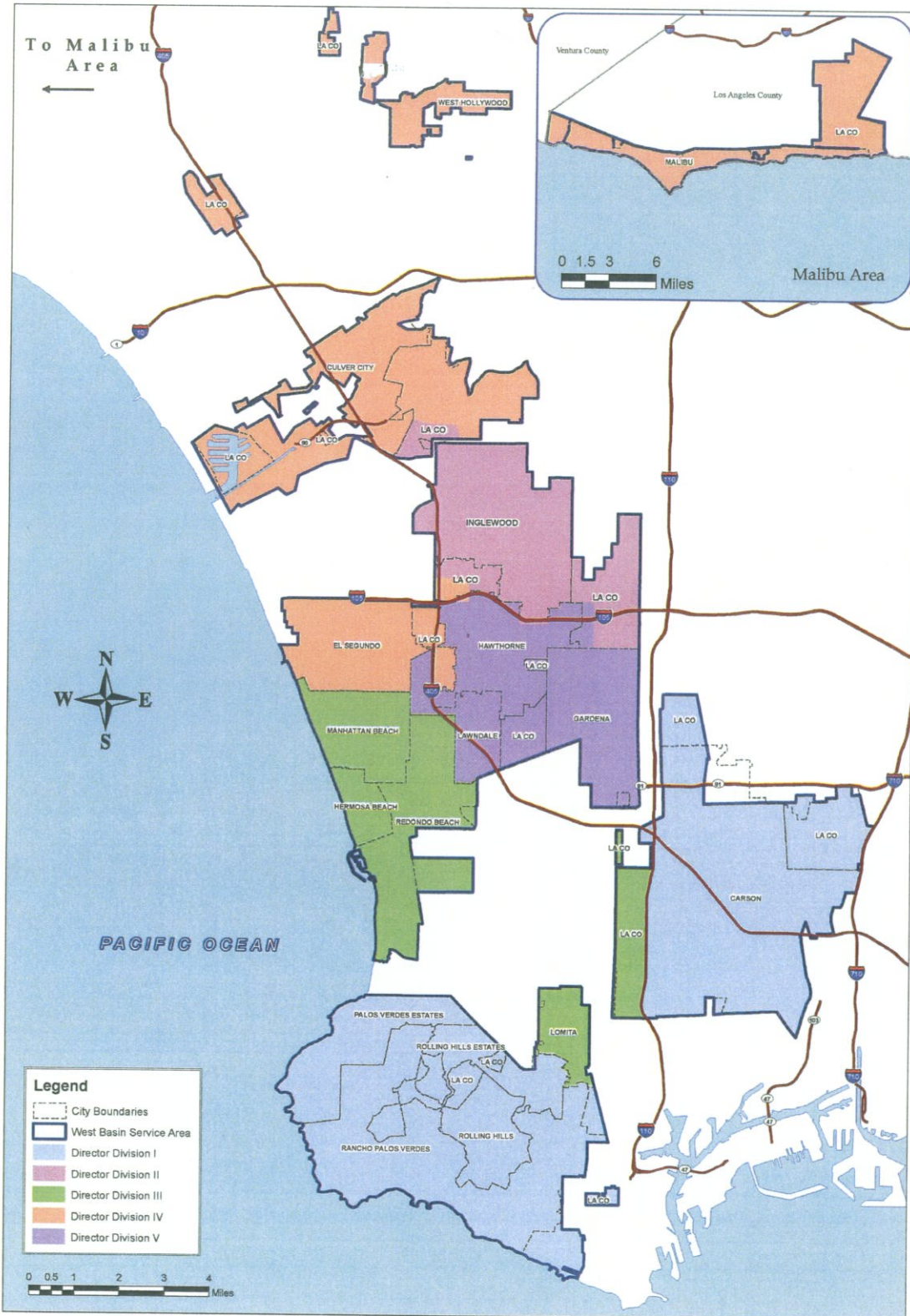
2008 First Place Elementary School Winner
Ruby Fulmer, 4th grade
Richmond Elementary School, El Segundo



2008 First Place High School Winner
Jane Lee, 11th grade
West High School, Torrance



West Basin Municipal Water District Director Divisions



Service Area Divisions

Division I:
Carson
Palos Verdes Estates
Rancho Palos Verdes
Rolling Hills
Rolling Hills Estates
San Pedro

Division II:
Inglewood
Lennox,
Athens
Howard
Ross-Sexton

Division III:
Hermosa Beach
Lomita
Manhattan Beach
Redondo Beach
Torrance

Division IV:
Culver City
El Segundo
Malibu
West Hollywood
Lennox
North Ladera Heights
Del Aire
Topanga
View Park
Windsor Hills

Division V:
Gardena
Hawthorne
Lawndale
El Camino Village

For further information regarding school or student eligibility, please call (310) 660-6216 or email darrylr@westbasin.org

Water is Life Entry Form

Teachers: Please attach one, parent-signed entry form to the back of each submitted artwork.

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

School Name: _____ School District: _____

School Phone: _____ Teacher Name: _____

Student poem, thoughtful reflection or personal testimony on water awareness or water conservation:

STUDENT ARTWORK RIGHTS/APPROVAL

All submissions become the property of West Basin Municipal Water District (WBMWD) and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) and may or may not be returned. WBMWD and MWD has the right to use any submitted artwork and writings for public relations use, including but not limited to display of the original or copies of a poster at exhibit events and reproduction of copies on promotional items as t-shirts, postcards, web site, calendars and book covers.

By signing this form, I agree to the terms and conditions above:

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____