



New Mexico Wild in collaboration with the Upper Pecos Watershed  
Association and River Source  
Present:

## **Pecos River Youth Art Competition**

**Start date: August 19th**  
**End date: September 28th**

**The Pecos River** flows for over 900 miles starting in the Sangre De Cristo mountain range and down into Mexico where it meets the Rio Grande. Currently the headwaters of the Pecos River face the threat of mining exploration which could put millions at risk of losing the precious water source. The Pecos river is federally recognized as a scenic waterway and provides water to millions everyday. Having pristine waters, which attract cold water fishing enthusiasts every year, it must be protected from severe pollution and degradation. Art is a technical skill which expresses what we can not say in words and can give others a view into the artist's perspective. We seek youth to share their love of the Pecos River through creating art. Whether your piece is selected or not, your art will be cherished as a symbol of your voice against the threat of mining.

Show us visually what the river means to you!

### **Categories:**

Youth from Pecos, Santa Fe county, San Miguel County and Guadalupe county will be split into two age groups- 11-14 and 15-19 and will be judged by community members from multiple communities.

## Guidelines:

### Who is eligible?

- Middle School students (ages 11-14)
- High School students (ages 15-19?)

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### To Qualify submissions must follow this criteria:

- Must be in colored pencils, pencil, ink, crayon, markers, watercolor, collage, acrylic or oil paints.
- Must be 8 ½ x 11 inches or bigger.
- Digitally created artwork is not eligible.
- Must be an original piece made only by the contestant.
- Uploaded picture must **not** be blurry or ineligible.

**Any sign of copyright law violation will automatically disqualify the artist. An entered piece may not be a direct copy of an existing photo, graphic or other art piece owned by anyone other than the contestant.**

## To Submit Your Artwork:

### For ALL submissions

Email a picture of your artwork (make sure the picture is as high quality as possible. Using your cell phone to photograph is fine) to [communityscencers@gmail.com](mailto:communityscencers@gmail.com) By **Friday, September 19** at 12:00 AM.

### Submission email must include:

- (1) Your name
- (2) Your phone number
- (3) Your age
- (4) Your address
- (5) 3-4 sentences about why the Pecos river should be protected and what the river means to you.

**Please keep the original copy of your piece in good condition in case you win. Finalists will be contacted so we may pick up the original of your artwork.**

## Finalists:

- Finalists will be contacted by phone and asked to drop off their original piece
- All rights will be reserved to the creator of the piece
- The winners piece will be framed and placed inside of the Pecos Village Municipal building for a year
- Winners will choose from multiple great prizes including a private flight over the watershed, a fly fishing rod and a two person guided fly fishing trip.
- Winners will be announced at the River Clean up event in Pecos on September 28th 2024

Criteria	Total Points
How well the artwork captures the above prompt	40
The aesthetic quality and appeal of the artwork	40
How well the image communicates graphically for use for outreach	20

*Thank you for participating in the first annual Watershed Awareness Month Celebration!*

