

2026 Sturgeon City Earth Day Celebration Paint Out Contest Rules

Theme: Celebrating Earth Day through Art

Location: Sturgeon City Environmental Education Center (6-acre site)

Date: April 18, 2026

Eligibility:

This contest is open to artists of all ages and skill levels. Whether you are a professional or a budding young artist, we invite you to capture the beauty of our environment!

Painting Guidelines:

- **Location Selection:** Artists may choose any location within the designated 6-acre site of Sturgeon City to paint. Please be respectful of the environment and other visitors. Do not disturb plants, animals, or any existing structures.
- **Subject Matter:** Paintings must reflect the theme of Earth Day and/or the natural beauty of Sturgeon City.
- **Materials:** Artists are responsible for providing their own painting supplies (easels, canvases, paints, brushes, etc.).
- **Original Artwork:** All entries must be original works of art created by the participating artist during the Paint Out event.
- **Clean Up:** Artists are responsible for cleaning up their painting area and disposing of any waste properly. Leave no trace.

Submission:

- Completed paintings must be submitted to the designated registration/submission area at Sturgeon City by 2:00pm.
- Each artist may submit only one painting for the contest.

Judging and Voting:

- **Exhibition:** All entries will be displayed at the Sturgeon City Environmental Education Center for one week following the event.
- **Voting:** Voting will be conducted both in-person at the Center and online via social media (Facebook and Instagram) voting will be based on comments and likes on specific image.
- **Voting Period:** Saturday, April 18, 2026 to Friday, April 24, 2026 at 2pm.
- The painting with the most votes (combined in-person and online) will be declared the winner.

Prizes:

Grand Prize (Adult/Overall): \$200 Cash

Youth Prize (Under 18): \$100 Cash

Notification:

The winner will be notified by phone or email provided by Monday, April 27, 2026.

Terms & Conditions:

- **Liability:** Sturgeon City and its representatives are not responsible for any loss or damage to artwork or personal property during the event or subsequent exhibition.
- **Right to Use Images:** Sturgeon City reserves the right to photograph and use images of the submitted artwork for promotional and educational purposes. Artists retain the full copyright of their original work.
- **Agreement:** Participation in the Paint Out Contest constitutes the artist's agreement to abide by all rules listed above.

Contact Information:

For any questions, please contact Lisa Murabito at 910.750.5876 or Director@SturgeonCity.org