



“America the Beautiful” Trash Can Art Contest

As part of the “America 250” celebrations, the Crossroads Arts Council, in partnership with Wentzville Parks and Recreation, is working to tackle litter in Wentzville, while showcasing our community artists. In support of this effort, we are announcing our annual trash can decorating contest.

Feature your artwork representing this year’s contest theme, “America the Beautiful”

- **Entry Categories....now including Adults**
 - K - 2nd Grade
 - 3rd - 4th grade
 - 5th - 6th grade
 - 7th - 8th grade
 - 9th - 12th grade
 - Adult (18+)
- **Contest Rules**
 - Entries must be general public / all age groups appropriate.
 - Entries must follow the theme of “America the Beautiful”.
 - Entries must be fully colored using markers, crayons or paint.
 - Entries must be in landscape format.
 - Entries to be done on 8.5x11 paper, or 9x12 canvas, with the image painted to the 8.5x11 image size.
 - Entries are to be 2-D ONLY. Entries featuring any 3-D elements will not be accepted.
- **Trash Can Art Creative Sessions - get inspired & create your entry with the help of our volunteers**
 - Art supplies will be provided.
 - 2 Sessions at the WREC
 - Wednesday, March 4, 5-7 p.m.
 - Saturday, March 14, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- **Contest Deadlines**
 - All entries must be received no later than March 29, 2026. Late entries not accepted.
 - 3 Ways to Enter
 - Mail to Wentzville Parks & Recreation, ATTN: Trash Can Artwork Contest, 500 Great Oaks Blvd, Wentzville, MO 63385
 - Drop-off at Crossroads Arts Council Gallery, 310 W. Pearce (lower level access on West Allen) Open Thursday - Sunday, 11am-3pm
 - Submit electronically, formatted to 8.5x11 and at least 300 dpi. Send to crossroadsartscouncil@gmail.com

- One First Place Prize (\$25) and runner-up to be awarded to an artist in each age category. Artwork will be featured as vinyl wraps on trash cans around town starting in the Summer.
- Winners will be notified by the end of April, 2026.
- Entries MUST include a registration slip showing participant name, grade, and contact information, and must be attached to the submitted entry. If emailed, please include this information as part of your submission.

Attach this entry form to your artwork, or include this information in your email submission.

Student's name _____ Grade _____

Contact Person: _____

Relationship to student _____

Phone _____ Email _____