



2017 Student Art Contest

Sponsored by Davis County Commissioners' Cup Golf Tournament Grant

Featured Festival Bird: American Avocet

Who: All Utah students in grades K-12 are invited to participate

What: An original artwork of an adult **American Avocet** on **8½X11** white paper or artboard

When: May 5, 2017 (submissions must be postmarked by this date)

Where: Please mail or deliver entries to:
Great Salt Lake Bird Festival
Attn: Student Art Contest
P.O. Box 618
61 South Main St., #304
Farmington, UT 84025



Photos Courtesy of Scott Baxter

Rules and Guidelines

Utah students in grades K-12 are invited to create a picture of an adult **American Avocet** in breeding plumage. Make it **LARGE** and **COLORFUL**! Realistic OR stylized images are welcome. The drawing should be submitted on a **flat piece of 8½X11 white paper or canvas**. **Important:** In order to properly hang submissions for viewing at the festival, we need all artwork to meet these sizing requirements. Artwork on paper larger than 8½X11 should be trimmed by the student or teacher before submission to the contest.

Students may use bird field guides, the Internet, or the provided teaching guide to learn about the bird's unique characteristics. The drawing must be the student's original creation and should not be copied or traced from any published source. Only one entry per student is allowed.

Artwork will be judged in five grade categories: Pre-school, K-3, 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12. First, second, and third place awards will be given in each grade category. A Best of Show image will also be chosen by the judges. The prize for first place entries is \$50.00; second place is \$25.00; and third place is \$15.00.

Winning artwork from any category may be featured on the **2018 20th Anniversary** Great Salt Lake Bird Festival's promotional documents, news releases, and clothing. The students' names will be included with the art. The students will retain all rights to the artwork but give permission to the Great Salt Lake Bird Festival for use of the image for promotional and contest purposes. Selections and decisions by the judges are final. Any entries with unsuitable content will not be considered.

All entries must be accompanied by a completed entry form. All submissions must be received or postmarked by May 5, 2017. Submissions will be returned if a return address is provided on the entry form.

Questions? Contact Neka Roundy 801-451-3286 neka@daviscountyutah.gov

Learn more about the American Avocet here: https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/American_Avocet/id



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Teaching Guide: American Avocet

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Identification

The American Avocet is a large, elegant shorebird with a black and white upper body and gray neck and head. During the breeding season, the head and neck turn a rusty red. The American Avocet has a long, upturned black bill, black eyes, and blue-gray legs.



Habitat

The American Avocet can be found on beaches, mudflats, and around shallow lakes and ponds. Large flocks are often seen wading through shallow water looking for food. Avocets are common on the shores of the Great Salt Lake from mid-March through September.



Food

American Avocets feed on tiny aquatic invertebrates and some seeds. Avocets often catch food by sweeping their long bills back and forth through shallow water. American Avocets are found in large numbers around the Great Salt Lake because of its plentiful brine shrimp and brine flies.

Interesting Facts

American Avocets are protective of their young; they will often attack predators like ravens or hawks that get too close to the nest.

American Avocet chicks can walk, swim, and dive to escape predators within a day of hatching.



Female American Avocets sometimes lay a few of their eggs in the nest of another female, which then incubates the eggs and raises the babies as if they were her own.



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Completed form must be submitted with each entry! Artwork will not be returned without a completed, legible form.

Name of artist: _____

Teacher (if applicable): _____

School (if applicable): _____

Address*: _____

City: _____ State: Utah ZIP _____

Phone: _____ **EMAIL** _____

Grade category (circle one): Pre-school K-3 4-6 7-9 10-12

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