

# Jerome “Buddie” Ford Nature Center Sticker Design Contest Rules

## Requirements

- The contest is open to everyone. Children, teens, and adults may participate.
- Artwork must be the original work of the person submitting it.
- Artwork may not be made by copying, tracing, or using AI or other image generation.
- Each person may submit one piece of artwork.
- Artwork can be made using any physical or digital medium.
- Artwork should be a circle with diameter of at least 8 inches and no more than 11 inches.
- Artwork must have the words “Jerome “Buddie” Ford Nature Center” clearly visible.
- We suggest including at least one live or taxidermy animal at the Nature Center. Options include Axolotl, Ball Python, Bearded Dragon, Black (Eastern) Rat Snake, Chinese Warty Newt, Common Snapping Turtle, Corn Snake, Curly Hair Tarantula, Eastern Box Turtle, Fire-bellied Toad, Gray Tree Frog, Green Tree Frog, Leopard Gecko, Madagascar Hissing Cockroach, American Millipede, Darkling Beetle, Northern Red-bellied Cooter, Painted Turtle, Red-eared Slider, Tailless Whip Scorpion, Mali Uromastyx, and Black Bear.
- Artwork may be made using the provided template, but it is not required.

## Submitting Entries

- The Sticker Design Contest submission period will end March 29, 2024, at 4:00 PM.
- All entries must be accompanied by a completed Submission Form signed by the applicant if they are over 18 or by the applicant’s parent/guardian if the applicant is under 18.
- For all physical artwork, the original artwork must be brought to the Nature Center in person. Artwork will be kept at the Nature Center until one week after the winner is announced. Starting from the last date art will be kept, artists will have one month to pick up their artwork.
- For digital artwork, email submissions to [paige.edwards@alexandriava.gov](mailto:paige.edwards@alexandriava.gov). Submissions must be at minimum 600 pixels by 600 pixels. Any common image file type is allowed but files must be no larger than 20MB.

## Judging

- Artwork will be judged by contest officials. Contest officials may choose as many winners as they see fit. Artwork may be divided into age categories.
- Criteria: originality, artistic composition, and suitability for reproduction on a 3” circle sticker.

## Winner(s)

- The winner(s) will be notified by email by April 5, 2024.
- The winner(s) will be publicly recognized on the City of Alexandria Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities social media which may include Facebook (@RPCAAlexandriaVA), Twitter (@RPCA\_AlexVA), and/or Instagram (@rpca.alexandriava) and at the Nature Center Earth Day event. The winning artwork along with the winner(s) full name and age will be shared.
- Winning artwork will be used to make stickers and other promotional materials which will be distributed by the Nature Center.
- Winner(s) will receive 10 stickers made from their artwork and an official certificate.

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## Submission Form

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant Age \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (if Applicant is under 18)

Applicant/Parent/Guardian Contact Information \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

## Submission Agreement

By signing here, I certify that I have read and abided by the Jerome “Buddie” Ford Nature Center Sticker Design Contest Rules. I certify that the artwork being submitted is the original work of the Applicant and has not been copied, traced, or plagiarized in any way nor has it been created using AI or another form of image generation. I certify that the artwork does not infringe any intellectual property rights. I give permission for the Jerome “Buddie” Ford Nature Center (BFNC) and the City of Alexandria (COA) to use, reproduce, prepare derivative works, publish, distribute copies to the public, perform publicly, and display publicly the submission, including text and illustrations along with the Applicant’s name and age. I acknowledge the BFNC and the COA are not responsible for the loss or damage of entries. I hereby unconditionally release BFNC and COA, its employees, BFNC and COA’s contractors and their employees, and BFNC and COA representatives from any and all claims and demands arising out of the activities authorized under this agreement.

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Applicant Signature (if over 18)

Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature (if applicant is under 18)

Date

