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YOUNG ARTISTS ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT ART FOR 2009 INTERNATIONAL
MIGRATORY BIRD DAY CONTEST

Are you or someone you know a young, aspiring wildlife artist?

If so, the staff from Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge invites you to enter your work in a children's art contest that will be held as part of the International Migratory Bird Day Celebration. The art contest, sponsored by the Historic Main Street Merchants Association, is open to: K - 2nd grades; 3rd - 5th grades; 6th - 8th grades, and 9th - 12th grades.

"The Historic Main Street Merchants Association is excited to be a part of International Migratory Bird Day again this year," said Cathy Mikel, President of the Association. "The Children's Art Contest is a way to connect children with nature in our area and encourage them to go outside and enjoy the outdoors."

According to Refuge Manager Lou Hinds, first, second and third place winners **in** each age group will receive cash prizes from The Historic Main Street Merchants Association. All entries must be an original drawing of a migratory bird that can be seen at the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge. Entries should be mailed or delivered to the Comfort Suites, 4295 Main Street, Chincoteague, VA 23336 on or before April 15, 2009. The artwork will be on display at various Historic Main Street Merchants on Chincoteague prior to the celebration on May 9th. Winners will be notified by May 4th, and prizes will be presented on May 9th at 12:30 PM at the celebration **in** the auditorium of the Herbert H. Bateman Educational and Administrative Center. Questions? Call Sally Bowden at the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge 757-336-6122. Be sure to include the following information on the back of your drawing.

International Migratory Bird Celebration

Student Art Contest

Entry Form

Full Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone Number _____

Grade _____ School _____