



## **International Boundary and Water Commission United States Section**

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### **ENTRIES SOUGHT FOR STUDENT ART CONTEST ABOUT THE RIO GRANDE AND WATER ISSUES**

The Texas Clean Rivers Program (CRP) for the Rio Grande of the United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) is sponsoring a drawing contest for students from kindergarten through twelfth grade. The contest is in honor of World Water Day, celebrated March 22 as an international day of observance and action to focus attention on the importance of freshwater and advocate for the sustainable management of freshwater resources.

The CRP is seeking student artwork about the Rio Grande or the importance of water. Winning entries will be published in the 2012 CRP Rio Grande Basin Calendar. The contest is open to all schools within the Rio Grande Watershed in Texas. All submissions must be turned in by a teacher. There will be at least three winning entries, one in each of the following age groups: kindergarten–grade 2, grades 3-6, and grades 7-12. All participants will receive a free calendar.

Students are encouraged to draw how water is important to them, how the Rio Grande is important to them, or how they enjoy the river. A committee will judge the entries based on creativity, representation of the Rio Grande, or representation of the importance of water.

The deadline for entries is April 29, 2011. Complete contest rules are available at: <http://www.ibwc.gov/CRP/documents/studentdrawingcontest.pdf> or by contacting Elizabeth Verdecchia at [Elizabeth.verdecchia@ibwc.gov](mailto:Elizabeth.verdecchia@ibwc.gov).

The goal of the Texas Clean Rivers Program for the Rio Grande is to maintain and improve the quality of water in the river basin in Texas through an ongoing partnership involving the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, other agencies, regional entities, local and state governments, industry, and citizens. The program uses a watershed management approach to identify and evaluate water quality issues, establish priorities for corrective actions, and work to implement those actions. Because of the international nature of the Rio Grande, the State of Texas contracted with the USIBWC to implement the CRP for the Rio Grande in its 1,254-mile international boundary section.

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