

# HUMPBACK WHALE MONTH 2012 OCEAN CONTEST

Art, Poetry and Short Story Contest Open to Students in Grades K - 8

Participate in the 2012 Humpback Whale Month Ocean Contest by submitting your ocean artwork, poem or short story to the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary and become a member of the Ocean Guardian Kids Club.



The purpose of the NOAA National Marine Sanctuaries Ocean Guardian Kids Club is to encourage you to explore your natural surroundings to form a sense of personal connection to the ocean. The Kids Club offers you an opportunity to express your insights, observations and understanding of your natural environment through the creation of visual art, poetry, and original stories. All K-8 students are eligible and encouraged to join!

Entrants will receive an Ocean Guardian Kids Club membership card and in celebration of Humpback Whale Month- you will also receive an exclusive Humpback Whale Kids Packet. So don't wait too long! Get creative and submit your work now. **All entries are due by 12:00 noon on March 15, 2012. Please note that entries will not be returned.**

## GUIDELINES FOR ARTWORK

Draw and color a picture of a humpback whale, a scene showing how people can take care of our ocean or simply your favorite Hawai'i ocean scene, including your favorite ocean animals. The artwork should not exceed 11" by 17" in size. Acceptable media are: paint, pencil, markers, ink, crayon, chalk, acrylic or pastel (fixed), cloth, and collage. All submissions must be done on paper that will allow for duplication, display or framing. Please, no notebook or typing paper, and do not mat, mount, laminate, frame or fold artwork. **The artwork submission must be accompanied by the official OCEAN GUARDIAN KIDS CLUB membership form (available online at <http://hawaiihumpbackwhale.noaa.gov>).**

## GUIDELINES FOR POETRY OR SHORT STORY

Write a poem or short story either about humpback whales, how people can take care of our ocean or simply about Hawai'i's ocean. This can be either handwritten or typed. Poems should not exceed 20 lines in length. Short stories should not exceed 200 words in length. **The poetry or short story submission must be accompanied by the official OCEAN GUARDIAN KIDS CLUB membership form.**

## WINNING ENTRIES

Winners from each category (art, poem, short story) will receive award certifications by mail and will have their entry featured on the sanctuary's website ([hawaiihumpbackwhale.noaa.gov](http://hawaiihumpbackwhale.noaa.gov)). In addition, 1st - 5th place winners will be recognized for group classroom entries. To qualify teachers must submit entries in one packet that includes the teacher name, grade level, school name, and school address.



**Send your completed membership form and contest entry to:**

Ocean Contest - Ocean Guardian Kids Club  
Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary  
6600 Kalaniana'ole Highway, Suite 301

