

DNREC Shoreline & Waterway Management Section announces results from dune sign contest

DOVER – The results are in for the DNREC’s Shoreline & Waterway Management Section’s “Keep Off the Dunes” signage contest, which invited the public to submit eye-catching and effective original artwork and messaging to remind beachgoers of the importance of protecting Delaware’s vibrant but fragile dune system.

Winners were selected in three categories by Shoreline & Waterway Management staff from 36 entries:

Adult

First place – The Chesapeake Mermaid, Angela R. Mitchell, Chesapeake Beach, Md.

Second place – Jane Mruk, Odessa

Third place – Gregory Young, Wilmington

Teen

First place – Amanda Silar, Sussex Technical High School

Second place – Ally Collier, Sussex Technical High School

Third place – Nadjina Bogle, Sussex Technical High School

Kids

First place – Lily Reed, Felton

Second place – Ava Shilling, Hereford, Md.*

Third place – Sydney P., Hereford, Md.*

**Signs made in the Water Family Fest, held in June at the James Farm Preserve in Ocean View*

Delaware’s Atlantic Ocean and Delaware Bay coastal dunes are vital in the state’s defense against coastal storms and

extreme weather events. Dunes are also important natural habitats for plants and animals. To keep dunes strong enough to help protect our environment and the ecosystems they support, Delawareans need to protect the dunes by staying off of them. DNREC emphasizes this message by posting beach signs to encourage beach-goers to use provided crossovers along the dune system to avoid damaging the dunes.

To see the winners of the Keep Off the Dunes sign contest, please visit <https://de.gov/dunesign>. Winners will be announced and their entries displayed at University of Delaware's [Coast Day](#) Oct. 6. The winning artwork in the contest may be reproduced as signs and placed near dunes along Delaware's coastline.

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