

## **Poster contest winners Named for Active Living Faire**

Nicole Viveros, 13, and Kassandra Garcia, 9, of Chicago will receive top honors in their respective age divisions for their entries in the poster competition sponsored by the Association for the Wolf Lake Initiative (AWLI).

Poster winners will receive their prizes at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1 at AWLI's Active Living Faire at the Environmental Education Center, 2405 Calumet Avenue, Hammond. Entries were received from those attending the La Causa Community Committee summer program in Southeast Chicago and students at Chicago's Douglas Taylor School.

Second-place honors will go to Bayron Ramon, 12, and Itsel Marquez, 10. Jose Estrada, 12 and Jissel Marquez, 10, placed third.

Winning entries will be on display at AWLI's kiosk near the Environmental Education Center.

Entrants were asked to depict activities and wildlife at Wolf Lake.

Judges were Racine Kovach of Valparaiso and Mary Kuzniar of Whiting's Clark Middle/High School. Winners will receive cash awards.

Honorable mention winners were Maybelline Marical, a fourth-grade student at Douglas Taylor School, Chicago, and Eric Campos, 9, of La Causa Community Committee.

Supervising the young artists were Irma Chavez, program director at La Causa Committee in Chicago, and Susan Zupan, fourth-grade teacher at Douglas Taylor School in Chicago. La Causa, according to Ms. Chavez, is dedicated to promoting the betterment of youth and their families from the southeast side of Chicago by providing programs which stress the importance of education, youth development, and family unity.

The Association for the Wolf Lake Initiative, a not-for-profit organization and land trust, works across state boundaries to protect and enhance the Wolf Lake watershed.

Other Wolf Lake events AWLI sponsors are the annual of Greening of the Arts Studio Tour, Reception & Show; the Winter Wonderland at Wolf Lake festival and the Wolf Lake Bi-State Wetlands, Wind & Water Festival.