

## **The Wolf Lake Watershed meets Daniel Burnham poster contest**

The Association for the Wolf Lake Initiative (AWLI) thanks the largest number ever to enter the Winter Wonderland at Wolf Lake poster contest. More than 415 entries were judged and winning posters are on display at the Wolf Lake Park kiosk and at the Environmental Education Center, 2405 Calumet Avenue, Hammond.

For its 9th annual Wolf Lake Bi-State Wetlands, Wind & Water festival on May 23-24, AWLI will partner with the Burnham Centennial Plan Committee to sponsor another poster contest. We ask participants to depict how the Wolf Lake watershed is in keeping with Burnham's 1909 plan for the lakefront. Older students will be asked to depict changes that could be made to the Wolf Lake watershed during the next century that would be in keeping with Burnham's plan. Burnham's desire of public access to recreation at no cost is accompanied by a responsibility of the public to help maintain public lands for future generations. Stewardship activities involve cleaning up rubbish, removing invasive species like purple loosestrife and garlic mustard, participating in outings that identify birds and/or plants, releasing beetles to attack the invasive purple loosestrife, planting trees and helping to re-seed wetlands and prairies. More about Burnham's plan is available at [www.burnhamplan100.org](http://www.burnhamplan100.org)

This contest is open to all youngsters in the Wolf Lake area schools and youth groups. Entries will be judged in three or four age categories. The first place winner in each category will receive \$25. The second place winners will each receive \$15 and the third prize winners will each receive \$10. Deadline for submitting entries is May 15. The awards will be presented during the festival.

Winning entries will be exhibited at the Wolf Lake Park informational kiosk and at the Environmental Education Center.

### Poster Rules:

- Format paper 8 ½ " by 11" in size
- Must depict how the Wolf Lake watershed is in keeping with Burnham's 1909 plan for the lakefront
- Back of entry must show name of entrant, school or group, grade and teacher's name or group leader.
- All entries must be submitted by Friday, May 15, 2009, at the Environmental Education Center or another drop-off facility to be designated.

Please notify AWLI at [AWLI@sbcglobal.net](mailto:AWLI@sbcglobal.net) or at (219)933-7149; (312) 220-0120 ) by May 1, 2009 if you intend to participate.

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