
YOUNG ARTISTS NEEDED



Elementary Teachers Take Note!



We need the participation of you and your students!

The Oregon-California Trails Association (OCTA) will be producing a special western 2009 calendar. It will use the original artwork of elementary students. Each student whose artwork is selected will each receive a \$50 check or gift certificate and a copy of the published calendar.

The Oregon-California Trails Association is dedicated to the study, preservation, interpretation, appreciation and enjoyment of the western pioneer trails. This is one of its education projects. The project incorporates history, nature and art. We hope that you will see the value of this, incorporate it into your classwork and encourage your students to participate. Hopefully it will also interest your students in learning about the West, an important part of our history.

The calendar will run from January-December 2009.

Theme for the artwork – **Animals Along The Emigrant Trails**

A wide variety of animals were encountered along the trails. The animals, both domestic and wild, played important roles for the emigrants as they moved west. Some animals were associated with transportation; some were used for food; some were a source of wonder; some constituted an annoyance; while others could pose serious dangers.

Prizes - The students of the selected artworks will each receive a copy of the calendar and a check or gift certificate for \$50.00. The school which the student attends will also receive a calendar. Additional copies of the calendar will also be available for purchase.

Specifications - The artwork must be an original drawing/painting – not a photo or computer generated art. It **must** be on an 8 ½” x 11” paper. Thirteen drawings will be selected. One selection will be made for each month and one for the cover. While emigrants usually traveled between spring and autumn, the animals may be depicted at any season of the year chosen by the artist.

On the back of the entry should be the student's: 1) name 2) school 3) grade 4) age 5) address 6) phone number.

Deadline for artwork entries is April 15th 2008. Judging should be completed in June. The calendar should be available by August 2008.

Entries must be sent to:

OCTA-Calendar Project
P.O. Box 1019
Independence, MO 64051-0519

For questions or concerns call: OCTA headquarters @ (816)-252-2276
or William E. Hill @ (631)-585-2592

To learn more about the Oregon-California Trails Association visit OCTA at www.octa-trails.org.