



## Storm Drain Marker Design Contest Grades 6, 7, and 8

The Connecticut Chapter of the Surfrider Foundation invites local sixth, seventh, and eighth graders to participate in the 2011 storm drain marker design contest. The individual submitting the winning design will receive a \$50 prize and have his/her drain marker design applied to storm drains in their local community after municipal approval. The local winning class will be encouraged to volunteer in affixing the drain markers to storm drains with the Surfrider Foundation volunteers. The Surfrider Foundation will also visit the local school to provide a lesson on the Long Island Sound watershed. The winning design will be announced on Earth Day, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011.

### Contest Instructions:

- 1) Draw your design in a 4" diameter circle like last year's winning examples (look below).
- 2) Use ONLY blue and green colors.
- 3) Do NOT use crayons; use colored pencils or other neat drawing items instead.
- 4) Make sure your design is clear and lettering is done with clean lines.
- 5) We suggest starting the drawing in pencil first, then coloring.
- 6) Have fun, be creative (they don't have to be exactly like the examples below)!
- 7) Helpful Hints: Outline green pictures in blue if you want to accent them...use the white of the paper to your advantage too, like in the lettering of the examples!
- 8) To be eligible to win please follow directions... email questions to [ct@surfrider.org](mailto:ct@surfrider.org)
- 9) Please have entries postmarked by March 19<sup>th</sup>, include your name, age, telephone number, grade, teacher's name, and school name. Send to address below.

Drain markers are colorful, long-lasting markers that are affixed to storm drain inlets and street gutter catchbasins to remind people that only rain should enter these inlets that connect our roads and parking lots to our local streams. Through drain marking activities, students and residents alike can be educated about the harmful effects of non-point source pollution. Non-point source pollution affects ecosystems, the beauty and health of coastal lands and waters, and even the economy. The largest source of non-point source pollution is runoff, which occurs when rain and melted snow moves over and through the ground collecting harmful pollutants and depositing them into local streams and rivers and eventually into the ocean. Visit [www.surfrider.org/connecticut](http://www.surfrider.org/connecticut) to learn more about the Connecticut Chapter of the Surfrider Foundation and for additional contest details.



Send all entries to:

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