

# 2016 Earth Day “Capture the Earth” Photo Contest

The Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet invites student photographers in middle school (grades 6-8) to submit an original photograph for the “Capture the Earth” environmental photo contest. The winner will receive two nights lodging at any Kentucky State Resort Park with his or her family. Judges will look for originality and creativity, photo composition and how well your photo represents Earth Day.

## How to Enter

Send your photo by email as an attachment to [kidsphotocontest@ky.gov](mailto:kidsphotocontest@ky.gov). Your photograph must be saved as a jpeg file. File sizes may not exceed 5MB. The subject line of your email should read STUDENT EARTH DAY PHOTO CONTEST. Please include in the body of the email:

- Your name, age and grade;
- Your parent or guardian’s email address and phone number;
- The name of your school and the county where it is located;
- Where and when the photo was taken; and
- A paragraph on how your photo celebrates the beauty and diversity of Kentucky and encourages others to care about the state’s environment through stewardship and conservation. Whether you photograph a native wildflower or wildlife, a waterscape or a landscape, share it with others through this contest and help create a greater interest in the outdoors.
- DEADLINE: Send in your photo by 4:30 p.m., Friday, April 8, 2016.



*Christina Howard’s photograph of an apple made her the winner of the 2014 Capture the Earth photo contest.*



## Rules and Eligibility

Photos may be submitted until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 8, 2016. Only electronic submissions are eligible. Limit one entry per student. The Energy and Environment Cabinet (EEC) is not responsible for lost, late, illegible, incomplete, or entries not received for any reason. Entries become sole property of EEC, and none will be acknowledged or returned. By entering, entrant warrants that the entry (1) is original and does not infringe the intellectual property rights of any third party, (2) has not been published in any medium and (3) has not won an award.

This contest is open to all Kentucky middle school students. Email [Ricki.Gardenhire@ky.gov](mailto:Ricki.Gardenhire@ky.gov) or telephone 502-564-5525 for more information.



## Judging

All entries will be judged by the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet communications staff based on the following criteria:

- Creativity and originality (50 percent)
- Photo composition (25 percent)
- Appropriateness to contest theme (25 percent)

