

## **NDG&F January 12th Newsletter**

### **North Dakota Earth Day Patch Contest**

The state Game and Fish Department's annual Earth Day awareness campaign is accepting entries for design of a 2015 Earth Day patch. North Dakota students ages 6-18 are eligible to participate. The deadline to submit entries is March 15.

The Game and Fish Department will announce a winner in three age categories – 6-9, 10-13, and 14-18. Each winner will receive a pair of 8x42 binoculars. The final patch design will be chosen from the three winners.

The winning design will be used on a patch given to members of Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, 4-H clubs and any school participating in Earth Day cleanup projects on state-owned or managed lands in North Dakota in April and May.

The patch should incorporate some aspect of Earth Day – celebrated April 22 – or keeping North Dakota clean. It must be round and three inches in diameter. There is a limit of five colors on the patch, and lettering must be printed. Name, address, age and phone number of the contestant must be clearly printed on the entry form. Only one entry per person is allowed.

[Earth Day contest rules and entry forms](#) are available on the Game and Fish Department's website, [gf.nd.gov](http://gf.nd.gov). For more information, contact Pat Lothspeich by email at [ndgf@nd.gov](mailto:ndgf@nd.gov), or call 701-328-6332.

### **Watchable Wildlife Checkoff on State Tax Form**

North Dakota citizens with an interest in supporting wildlife conservation programs are reminded to look for the Watchable Wildlife checkoff on the state tax form.

The state income tax form gives wildlife enthusiasts an opportunity to support nongame wildlife like songbirds and birds of prey, while at the same time contributing to programs that help everyone enjoy all wildlife.

The checkoff, whether you are receiving a refund or having to pay in, is an easy way to voluntarily contribute to sustain this long standing program. In addition, direct donations to the program are accepted any time of year.

To learn more about [Watchable Wildlife](#) program activities, visit the North Dakota Game and Fish Department website at [gf.nd.gov](http://gf.nd.gov).