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Why Is Water So Important?

Calling Artists of All Ages to Illustrate the Answer

RIDGWAY—The Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership is calling for poster entries that illustrate the importance of water in honor of Lake Appreciation Month.

The top ten entries will be showcased at the Cimarron Bookstore Coffeehouse in Ridgway throughout the month of August, with the grand-prize winner winning a night in a Ridgway State Park yurt and publication in the *Western Hardrock Watershed Team's 2011 Calendar*.

Think seriously about how much you depend on water, a precious resource that we use every day. There is the same amount of water on Earth now as there was when the Earth was formed, and we use one percent of it, with 97 percent is in our oceans and two percent locked in ice caps and glaciers.

All participants have to do it get creative, work with whatever materials you'd like (recycling is encouraged) and create a poster, staying within the size con-

straints of 11"x8½" and 17"x11" and following a landscape format. Posters must be original artwork, include a registration form, and be received by July 9. Results will be announced at the Ridgway Reservoir on July 17, at Lake Appreciation Day at Dutch Charlie Swim Beach, Ridgway State Park, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The event features fun on

nature of your poster and awareness that upon entry, it is no longer your property and may be displayed publicly and reproduced. The only released personal information will be your name, age (if under 18), and hometown.

The Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership is hosting the poster contest with help from TriCounty Water, Ridgway State

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the beach, free boat tours and fly-fishing lessons and more. Regular park entrance of \$6 per person applies. Learn more at uncompahgrewatershed.org.

To register, attach a paper to your poster with your name, address, phone number and signature. Include your age and parent's signature if under 18. Your signature certifies the original

Park, and Colorado Lake & Reservoir Management Association. Posters should be received by the UWP no later than July 9 by mail or dropped off. Send posters to UWP Poster Contest, c/o Rachel Boothby, PO Box 2084, Ridgway, CO 81432. Drop off in Ridgway to 380 W. Sherman St., Suite 8B, upstairs in the back SW corner of Lupita's.