



The Center for Bat Research, Outreach, and Conservation will be hosting the 10th Annual Indiana Bat Festival on the campus of Indiana State University on September 24, 2016. Over 1000 people join us for a day of lectures by guest bat experts, demonstrations with live bats and raptors, children's activities, and an outdoor adventure course. We hope you'll mark it on your calendar and publicize this FREE event to students and parents. Daytime activities are in ISU's Science Building from 10 am-4 pm and evening activities are at Dobbs Park from 6–10 pm.

In conjunction with this festival, we hold an art contest for children and adults. Our theme is “**The Many Faces of Bats: Diversity in Flight, Form, and Function**”, highlighting the tremendous diversity in bats around the world. There are over 1300 species of bats, 12 of which occur in Indiana. Most bats, including all species in Indiana, are insectivorous; globally, however, bat diets are diverse—some eat fruit, nectar, pollen, other animals, and three vampire bat species eat blood! Bats are varied in form, too—some have unique facial structures called noseleaves, others have massive ears almost the size of their entire body, and some have funny wrinkly faces. Even in Indiana, we see variation in bat wing sizes and shapes, with these shapes indicating the flight styles of bats. We have created a webpage with photos of bats from around the world, which we hope you can use for inspiring students who wish to draw pictures illustrating this theme! **Please visit <http://www.isubatcenter.org/bat-festival/> to see these photos and examples of artwork from previous festivals.**

Please promote this art contest to artists of all ages! **Artists are invited to submit their work in person or by mail between now and September 16th 2016.** If an entire class submits entries, please send them in one envelope. There are cash prizes for winners over 18 and for those between 13 and 17, and there are nominal entry fees for these age categories. For kids 12 and under, there is no entry fee and winners are awarded a bat t-shirt and a book on the Bats of Indiana. We will display the artwork at the 10th Annual Indiana Bat Festival. Please see the attached form for more details on how to submit artwork.

We hope you will promote the art contest to artists of all ages and we hope to see you at the 10th Annual Indiana Bat Festival on September 24th. Please contact the Bat Center with any questions about the art contest (Brianne.Walters@indstate.edu or 812-237-2808).

Kind regards,

Director, Center for Bat Research, Outreach, and Conservation

ENTER THE 2016 BAT ART CONTEST FOR THE 10TH INDIANA BAT FESTIVAL

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Enter the *Bat Art Contest* and, if your drawing is selected, you could win a great prize! Your artwork may also be displayed at the Bat Festival and could appear on a T-shirt, print, or other item sold to benefit the Center for Bat Research, Outreach, and Conservation at Indiana State University ("ISU Bat Center").

Our 2016 theme is "**The Many Faces of Bats. Diversity in Flight, Form, and Function**" Please limit your work subject to 8.5" x 11" in order to accommodate printing.

Artwork must be submitted to the ISU Bat Center (Attn: Brianne Walters, Department of Biology, Indiana State University, Terre Haute, Indiana 47809; phone 812-237-2808) by **September 16, 2016**.

See our website at www.isubatcenter.org for more details. All entries need to be picked up at the Science building (ISU), room 340 by October 31, 2016. Entries not picked up will become the property of ISU Bat Center.

Categories (check one)		Entry Fee	Prize
18 and over		\$10	\$150
13 – 17		\$5	\$100
12 and under		Free	t-shirt and book

Artist's Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Entry Fee Submitted _____

Email _____

Please check one of the following options:

- The ISU Bat Center can modify, tweak and build upon this artwork, even commercially, as long as I am credited for the original creation.
- The ISU Bat Center can use this artwork, even commercially, as long as it is not changed, and with credit to me.
- The ISU Bat Center cannot use this artwork for any purpose.

Signature (Guardian signature, if minor): _____

Printed Name of Signee _____ Date _____

