

## **Creative, Talent, and Essay Guidelines**

Entries for the creative and talent competitions must be submitted by 8:00pm on Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. Materials will be on display until judging. Individuals must be present to accept the award. **The decision of the judges is final.**

### **Essay:**

The topic is "Tradeoff: Should we invest conservation dollars in habitat acquisition or enhancement?" The essay must be typed, double-spaced, and no more than four (4) pages in length not including the literature cited. Tennessee Tech faculty will judge essays. To eliminate biases, please do not put your name or school name on the essay.

### **Art:**

Categories include drawing, painting, and "free-form" (e.g., sculptures, carving, etc.). Entries must have a wildlife-related theme. Each individual may enter only one item over 14" x 18".

### **Photography:**

There will be two (2) categories: black and white and color print. Pictures must contain a wildlife-related theme. There is a limit of three (3) entries per entrant per category. Entries that have previously published or have won any other competition will not be permitted.

### **Game Calling:**

A calling contest will be held at the Thursday night social. The categories are: duck, turkey, goose, other game, other non-game. The use of calling devices will be permitted. There is a limit of two (2) callers per category per school.