

Malheur Maker Faire Young Artists Art Challenge

April 5, 2025

The Frontier STEM Hub – Malheur ESD and OSU Extension are sponsoring an art challenge for spring 2025. The contest is open to all students from grades 4-12 in Malheur County. Public school, private school, and home school students are welcome to apply.

This will be a juried competition. The theme of the challenge is: **A Day in Our Community. *Depict our community: The nature, people, and spaces, by showing moments of work, rest, play, connection, and joy.*** All art should reflect the theme and can feature any interpretation by the artist. All entries should be submitted with a brief artist's statement about the artist and work. (Art Explanation Card)

Art Challenge winners will be chosen based on grade/age, **how well the art is connected to the theme**, and quality of the art. Artist submissions will be shown and judged at the **Malheur Maker Faire, April 5, 2025**.

Preliminary submission notice should be provided by **Friday, February 7th**, by the schools or artist. (For the [submission notice form, click here](#). Form is also available on the **frontierstem.com** website.) Art will then be delivered to show and be judged at the Malheur Maker Faire no later than **Friday, March 7th**.

Selected art will be publicly displayed at the Four Rivers Cultural Center through April 18th. (Date subject to change).

Submission Details/Requirements:

- Art must be capable of hanging on a wall
- All art will be submitted with an **Art Explanation Card**
- Size requirements: No larger than 12" X 16"
- If needed, 12"X16" matboards will be provided to display art
- All art must be **labeled** with the **artist's first and last name and school on the back** of the artwork

For questions, contact Nickie Shira at nickie.shira@malesd.org

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Art Explanation Card

Please complete the following and submit a copy with the artwork.

Name: _____ Grade: _____

School: _____ Teacher/Instructor: _____

Theme: A Day in Our Community

Artwork Title:

Artist's Statement:

Share why this art project was created. Include where your concept (idea/inspiration) came from (imagination, observation, instruction, or reference item such as photos, website, video, book, etc.)

Explain steps used to make this item. Include an explanation of tools, techniques, and media. For Digital Art, did this project use a photograph layer? If yes, attach copy of the original photo with explanation card.

Check which Design Elements and/or Principles of Design were the focus of project:

Design Elements: ___Line ___Shape ___Color/Value ___Texture

Principles of Design: ___Balance ___Emphasis ___Variety ___Unity/Harmony ___Proportion
___Rhythm/Movement ___Repetition/Pattern

What skill(s) did you learn or improve by doing this project?