



Bat Drawing Contest



Halloween might be around the corner, but did you know its International Bat Week?!? Vampires are myths, but our winged friends of the night are very much real!

To help celebrate and spread awareness of how essential and beneficial bats are, the Environmental Department is hosting a giveaway of three (3) bat houses for FREE!

Here's how to enter:

- Between today, October 29th and 4 PM on November 5th, members in good standing may submit hand drawings of one of the nine species of bats that call Pennsylvania home. Not that great of an artist? No worries and no judgment! Do the best you can and have fun. Original drawings only, please. Children and adults alike are welcome to participate.

- Somewhere in your submitted drawing, list the species name and three (3) facts about the particular bat you chose to depict. Looking for information on the types of bats found throughout PA? Be sure to visit

<https://www.pgc.pa.gov/Education/WildlifeNotesIndex/Documents/bats.pdf>

That's it!

Submit your drawing + facts between 10/29/20-11/05/20 by email to environmental@thehideout.us OR by dropping the finished product off at the POA office, Tuesday-Saturday 8 AM-4 PM, in an envelope addressed "POA Environmental Department, 2020 Bat Contest". Be sure to provide us with your contact information, name, and lot number separately.

One winner per lot, but feel free to submit as many entries as you like. All submitted materials become the property of The Hideout upon receipt and may be used when announcing who the winners are in future publications by The Hideout.

After November 5th, our staff will randomly select three (3) submissions that met all criteria. The Environmental Department will award one (1) multichambered bat house up to three (3) lots.

Artificial bat habitat helps provide additional and deliberate housing opportunities for our insect-eating friends of the evening hours. More information on the bats of Pennsylvania can be found at <https://www.pgc.pa.gov/Education/WildlifeNotesIndex/Pages/Bats.aspx>

For additional fun family activities related to bat education, and to learn more about international bat week, be sure to visit <https://batweek.org/educate/>.

Have a safe Halloween!

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