

## Map Contest Rules 2026



All youth ages 17 and younger encouraged to participate, even if related to WLIA members.

### Submission Rules

- Parents/Guardians should help kids submit their map entry through the [WLIA Map Contest Registration portal](#). A hard copy of the map and printed release form should be mailed to the address below or delivered at the annual conference (see Deadline details).
- We strongly encourage the original work to be mailed in, but if a hard copy cannot be sent, please include a high-resolution digital copy at the end of the registration process and it will be printed for you.
- If you cannot complete the registration form, mail your hard copy map and release form and a WLIA member will complete the registration for you.

### Medium

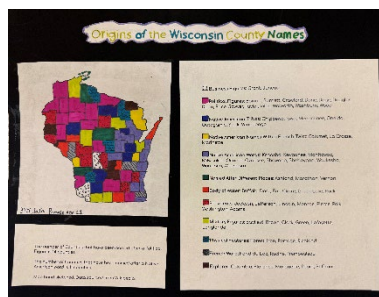
- There is no size restriction, but work should lay flat when unfolded.
- Examples of acceptable medium include paint, markers, pens, pencils, crayons or similar. Digital work must be original.
- Interactive web maps are also acceptable, please select "Youth Interactive" when registering.
- On the back side, clearly print your name and age.

### Not permitted

- Kids are encouraged to be creative with their topic of choice, but the use of stock photos or graphics such as clipart are not allowed.
- Do not use inappropriate language or include sensitive information about yourself or others.

**Mail Entries to:**

WLIA  
PO Box 389  
Wild Rose, WI 54984



2025 Contest Winner

If you would like your map returned, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope (or mailing tube, etc. with adequate postage) with the entry. Entries without return postage WILL NOT be returned.

### Deadline

Mailed entries must be received by:

**Wednesday, February 18, 2026.**

Entries may also be dropped off at the WLIA Annual Conference Registration desk from 8am-4pm on February 25 and/or February 26, 2026.

### Eligibility

Age groups for awards are as follows:

**Junior**

9 years old or younger on February 27, 2026

**Intermediate**

10 to 13 years old on February 27, 2026

**Senior**

14-17 years old on February 27, 2026

### Awards

- All WLIA annual conference attendees vote to determine winners in each age group.
- The top two maps with the most votes in each age group receive a certificate of achievement and Amazon Gift Card valued at \$20 or more (up to \$50 for top maps).
- Winners also receive recognition at WLIA's annual conference meeting in 2026 and on the WLIA website.



### Questions?

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# Wisconsin Land Information Association

## Youth Map Contest



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### Permission and Release Form (2026)

In consideration of my participation as a content creator and competition entrant for the **Wisconsin Land Information Association (WLIA) Youth Map Contest**, I acknowledge and agree that the event, including my content and name, will be visible to the public online, and may be recorded by audio and/or visual recordings in any medium now known or later developed (the "Recordings").

I own and/or have the full authority and rights from the owner for the use of all data, images, information, and material(s) contained in my presentation (the "Materials"). The Materials and any statements I make in my presentations and/or interviews will not infringe any proprietary rights of third persons or contain any information that is unlawful, libelous, or in violation of any person's right to privacy and/or publicity.

I grant WLIA the right to use, publicly display, perform, print, (re)distribute, (re)broadcast, and (re)publish the Recordings and the Materials, in whole or in part, including my name, in association therewith, for all current and future business purposes of WLIA, including its affiliates, distributors, and business partners, without further review or permission by or any compensation to me.

I release and agree that I will not hold WLIA, its directors, members, employees, and all persons acting under WLIA's permission or authority or those for whom WLIA is acting, responsible for (a) any change, distortion, or alteration that may occur or be produced in the taking, processing, or publication of the Recordings or Materials, or (b) any claim arising out of any use of the Recordings or the Materials as permitted by this Permission and Release Form.

My parent/guardian is least eighteen (18) years old and has the right to contract in my name. They have read the above authorization and release, prior to its execution, and are fully familiar with the contents thereof. This Permission and Release Form shall be binding upon me and my heirs, legal representatives, and assigns.

Youth Entrant\* \_\_\_\_\_  
[print first and last name] [signature]

Youth Alias Name if do not want given name published (*optional*) \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_  
[As of February 27, 2026] [month/day/year]

*\*Parent or guardian signature required.*

Parent/guardian \_\_\_\_\_  
[print first and last name] [signature or e-signature]

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Form must be completed, signed, and included with the entry to be accepted in the contest.**