

# Neighborhood Environmental Stewardship Team Presents:



## 2022 NEST KIDS CALENDAR CONTEST

### Kids! Grab your markers, crayons and paints – we need art!

Use the other side of this card to draw a poster to show why it is important to create a healthy environment for bees to benefit not only them but the entire watershed. Bees are facing challenges worldwide with the loss of bee friendly plants and increased chemical use. Plant pollination by bees ensures we have fruits and vegetables to eat, and plant seedlings to keep our ecosystems going. By using more native plants and less chemicals, it will not only help bees thrive but benefit other wildlife and keep our bays and waterways clean. Thirteen winners will have their art included in 21,000 calendars distributed throughout the county in January 2022!

Both bees and water benefit from a native, natural landscape that uses less chemicals. Yards and neighborhoods that have more flowering native and Florida friendly plants instead of sod can provide bees the nectar and habitat to thrive. These plants also require less care and maintenance, so other chemicals are not needed. Reducing the overall chemical use will help keep the stormwater that enters our creeks and bays cleaner. Wildlife from bees to manatees will benefit!

### EXAMPLES of ways you can be the best neighbor we can be to our local bees:

- Learn about the importance of bees to our everyday lives.
- Use less chemicals outside our homes and businesses.
- Plant native and Florida friendly plants that are bee friendly.
- Replace sod with flowering ground covers.
- Create shallow bee ponds for bees to help them stay hydrated.
- Don't swat! Bees are rarely aggressive so let them be.
- Remember, the choices we make impact water and environment around us. It is up to all of us to keep them clean and healthy, and your yard or neighborhood is the perfect place to start! Use your imagination and creativity to show us what you and your family can do!

In this box, write a one-sentence description of your masterpiece.

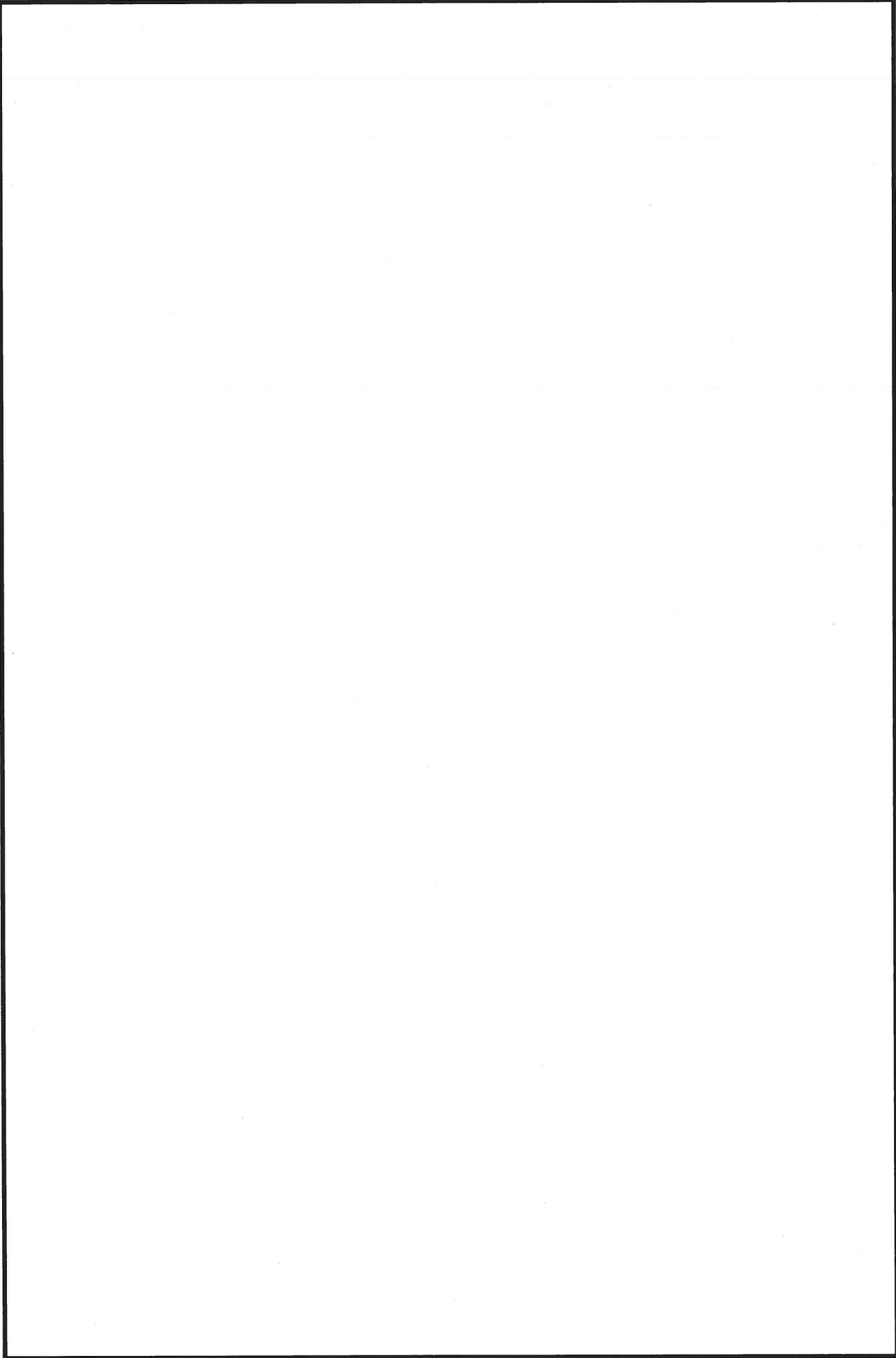
## PLEASE READ THE RULES:

1. **Artwork must be received on or before Oct. 15, 2021!**  
Submit entry form to your school or mail to:  
**2022 NEST Calendar Contest**, 1001 Sarasota Center Blvd., Sarasota, FL 34240
2. Any elementary student in all public and private Sarasota County schools, including charter and elementary-age home schooled students, may enter.
3. Only complete entry forms will be accepted. Sarasota County is not responsible for lost, stolen, illegible or misdirected entries. **Entry forms may be copied** or are available while supplies last by calling 941-861-5000.
4. Artwork must be **WITHIN the boundaries of the box on the reverse side of this entry form and NOT INCLUDE ANY WORDS.**
5. The poster must be created with marking pens, colored pencils, acrylic or poster paint, watercolors, crayons, or torn or cut colored paper or fabric. Artwork created with lead pencils, ballpoint pens or computer-generated artwork is not acceptable.
6. Winners agree to the publication of their original artwork in the Sarasota County 2022 NEST Kids Calendar, which is to be given free to the community as long as supplies last.
7. By entering the contest, the contestant accepts and agrees to the rules and decision of the judges, which shall be final.

### PLEASE PRINT AND COMPLETE IN FULL:

STUDENT'S FIRST AND LAST NAME	AGE
SCHOOL	GRADE
TEACHER'S FIRST AND LAST NAME	
PARENT'S/GUARDIAN'S FIRST AND LAST NAME	
HOME PHONE	EMAIL ADDRESS
HOME ADDRESS	STREET
CITY	ZIP
PARENT'S/GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE	

**DIRECTIONS FOR SCHOOLS:** Public schools may either "Pony" entry forms to Cheri Dame, Program Specialist K-5 Science, School Board of Sarasota County, 1960 Landings Blvd., Sarasota or mail to: 2022 NEST Calendar Contest, 1001 Sarasota Center Blvd., Sarasota, FL 34240.



Artwork must be prepared **within the boundaries of the box** above. Please **do not include any words** in your artwork. Have fun!