

## El Paso County Nature Centers 2026 Postcard Design Contest

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El Paso County Nature Centers are hosting a postcard design contest! Three winning designs will be selected for *both* Fountain Creek Nature Center and Bear Creek Nature Center where the postcards will later be sold. Grab your camera or favorite art medium and submit a design by **March 21, 2026**.

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### **Design Requirements**

- All artwork must be your own original work; use of copyright work, stock images, clip art, and generative AI is not permitted.
- Photographs, drawings, paintings, and digital art will be accepted.
- The submission must be from, or representative of, the park area surrounding the specific nature center which you are submitting for.
- Landscape or portrait orientations will be accepted.
- Final postcard size will be 4" x 6" so designs should follow a 2:3 ratio. If your design is outside this ratio and selected as a winner, it will be cropped to fit.
- Only JPG, PNG, and PDF formats will be accepted.
- You may submit up to one design for each nature center. Artists are not required to submit a design for both.
- Designs containing vulgar, explicit, or illegal content will not be accepted.

### **Contest Timeline**

- Submissions Open: February 7, 2026
- Submission Deadline: March 21, 2026
- Judging and Voting Occurs: April 4 – May 9, 2026
- Winners Notified: May 16, 2026
- Design Announced: May 23, 2026
- Postcards Available: Late June or early July

### **Prizes**

3 winning designs will be selected for each center. Artists of the winning designs will receive:

- 10 postcards of their design to share with friends and family.
- \$25 online credit to use towards program registration.
- 4 free tickets to a special event at the nature center of their winning design:
  - FCNC - Pumpkin Carving Party & Jack-o-Lantern Trail (October 24, 2026)
  - BCNC - Bear Creek by Candlelight (December 4, 2026)
- El Paso County Nature Center SWAG bag.
- Announcement with an opportunity to link to artist's social media and/or website.



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Use this form to submit designs for the El Paso County Nature Center Postcard Design Contest. Your application will not be considered unless you complete and sign this form. Personally identifiable information on this form will be used for administering the contest and to publicize the winning entries only.

### Entry Agreement

I, the artist, hereby enter into this agreement with El Paso County Nature Centers, hereinafter referred to as EPCNC, and submit an original design to the El Paso County Nature Centers 2026 Postcard Design Contest subject to all the following conditions.

1. This entry is an original design of my own creation and is not copied, manipulated, or duplicated from previously published photographs, artwork, or electronic graphic images.
2. EPCNC are not liable for any damage to or for the loss of any entry submitted by an artist. Insuring the entry, if desired, is the responsibility of the artist.
3. The artwork may be copied or reproduced, and the postcards may be sold to the public by EPCNC. Reproductions of any artwork submitted may be published or otherwise reproduced by EPCNC for distribution to others and may be used for informational and educational purposes.
4. Any and all reproductions or copies of the design made or authorized by EPCNC may identify the artist at EPCNC's discretion.
5. I verify that no copyright infringements have been made by my design and acknowledge that I am liable for falsifying information.

To submit a design, send your completed entry agreement and design file (accepted file types are PDF, PNG, or JPG) as attachments in an email to: [victoriadinkel2@elpasoco.com](mailto:victoriadinkel2@elpasoco.com)

### Artist completes this section

**Send completed entry form  
& design attachment  
(JPG, PNG, or PDF) to:  
[victoriadinkel2@elpasoco.com](mailto:victoriadinkel2@elpasoco.com)**

Artist's Name:	Artist's Address:	
Artist's Phone Number:	City & State:	Zip Code:
Artist's Email Address:	Submitting for (select one): BCNC FCNC BOTH	

I verify that I have read and comply with all the contest rules, and that I meet all eligibility requirements.

Artist's Signature:	Date:
Parent or Guardian's Signature (if artist is under 18):	Date:

**Application Deadline: March 21, 2026**

