

About this Calendar

This calendar features winning artwork from the 2019 "Keep the Sea Free of Debris!" Art Contest. The NOAA Marine Debris Program received hundreds of great entries from students across the United States in kindergarten through 8th grade showing the impacts of marine debris on our ocean and planet. The program evaluated submissions based on creativity, artistic presentation, relevance to theme, and how thoroughly the students answered the questions:

- How does marine debris impact the ocean and Great Lakes environment?
- What will you do to help?

Thank you to all the students (and teachers) for your participation in the 2019 art contest. Your support and enthusiasm reminds us of why we do what we do every day - work to keep our ocean and Great Lakes clean. The Program hopes this calendar fuels your passion to protect our ocean and drives you to stay involved in finding solutions to prevent marine debris.

NOAA Marine Debris Program

The NOAA Marine Debris Program's mission is to investigate and prevent the adverse impacts of marine debris. The program achieves this through coordinating regional marine debris efforts, leading research, and conducting outreach to local communities.

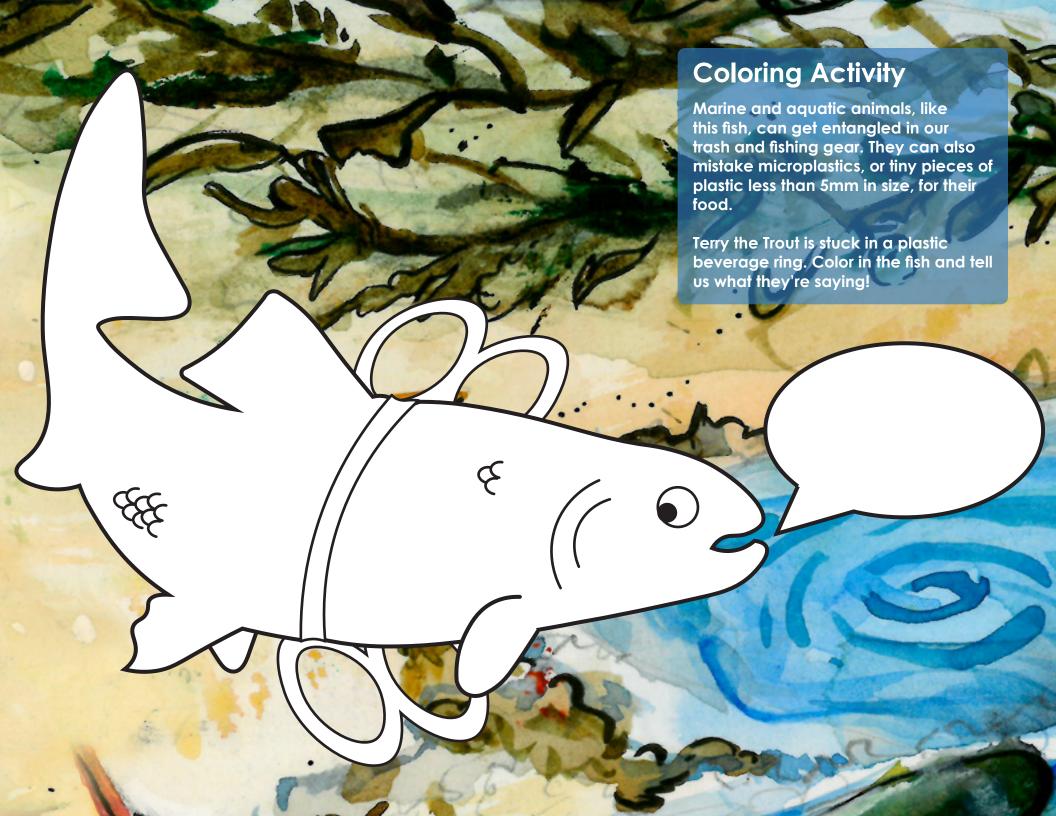
Cover Art
Jennie C. (Grade 8, Massachusetts)



"Marine debris impacts the ocean because it pollutes the water and harms wildlife. Something that everyone can do to help solve this issue is volunteer at shorelines to pick up trash and debris."

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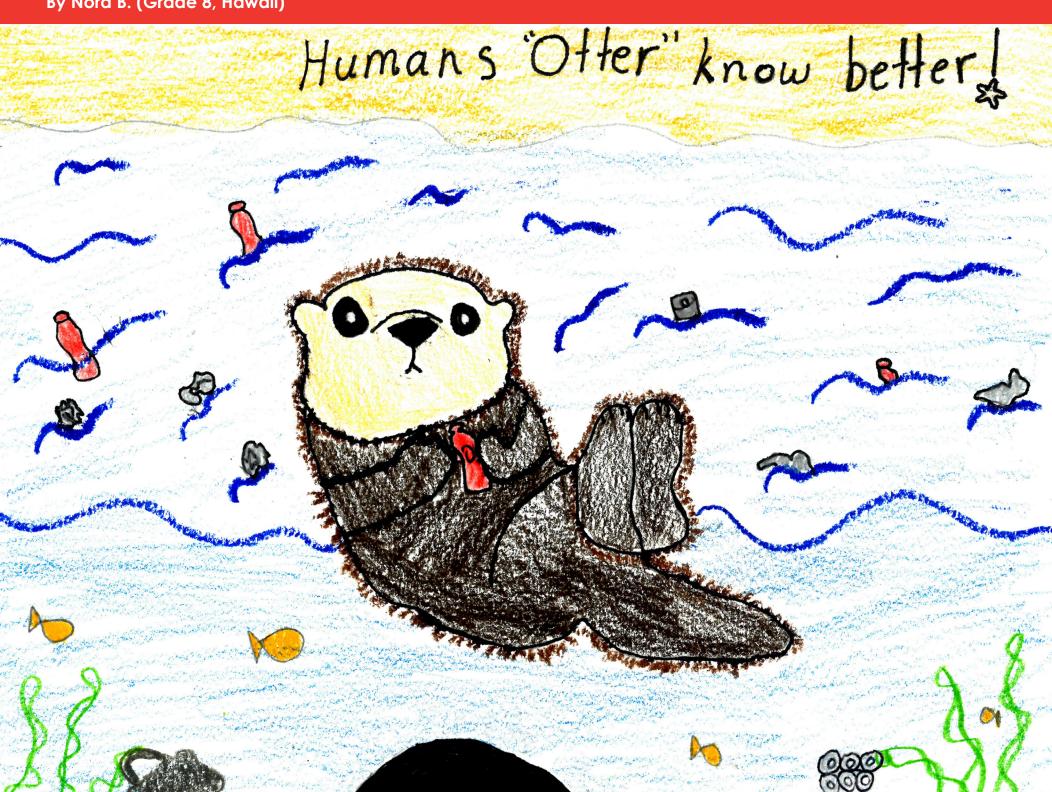
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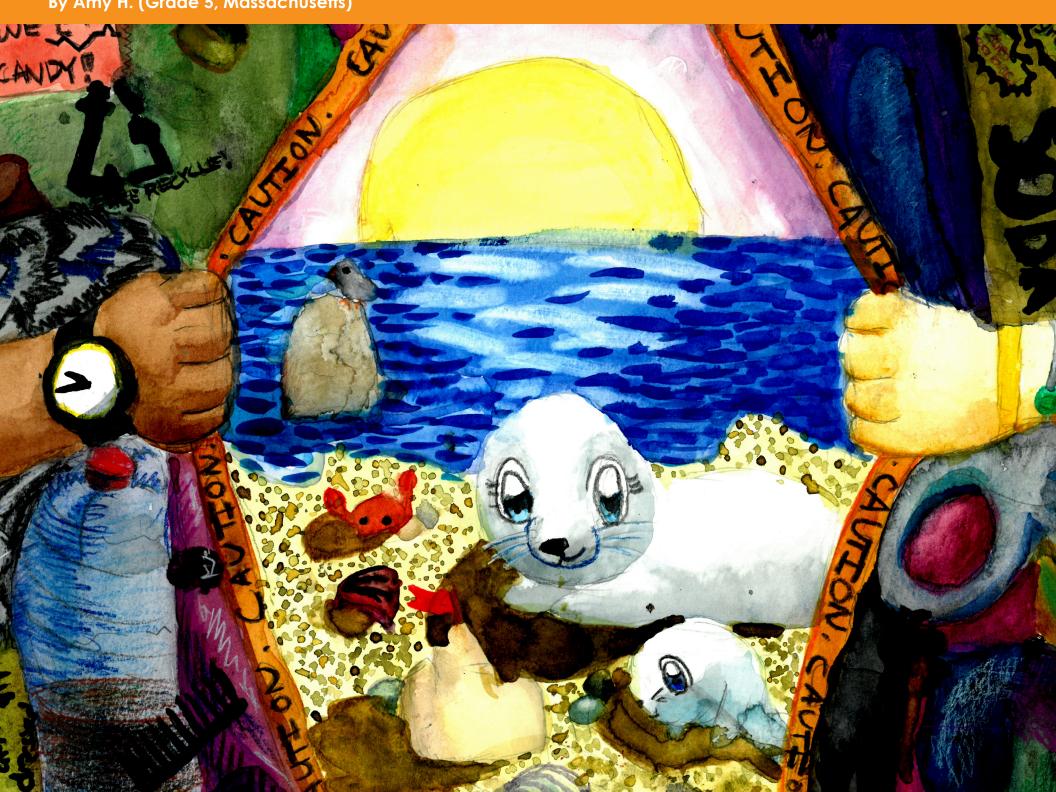
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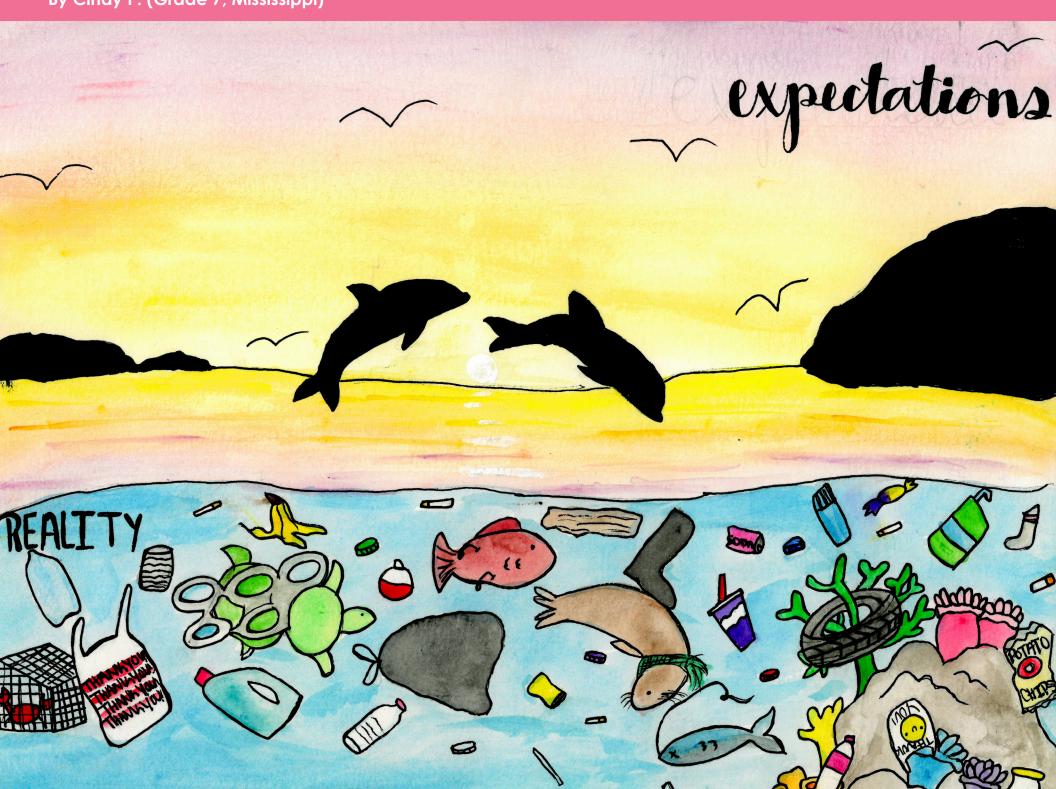




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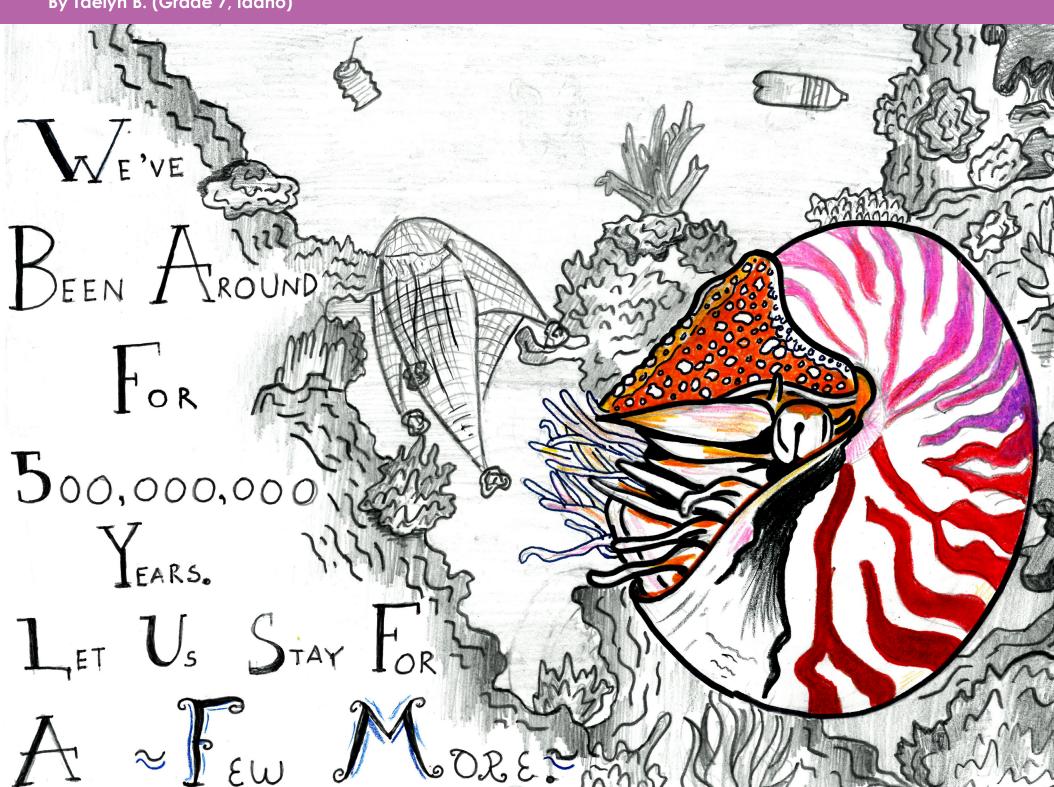
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	Winter Solstice			Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	
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				New Year's Eve		

2019 "Keep the Sea Free of Debris!" Art Contest Winners



"Marine debris impacts our ocean and Great Lakes by making animals die. I can help to keep our ocean debris free by throwing garbage in the trash."

- Gana S. (Grade 2, U.S. Virgin Islands)



clean in order to keep the animals healthy. I like to clean the trash at the beach with my family. I will continue to use reusable containers in my lunch to reduce plastic waste."

"We have to keep the beaches

- Luke G. (Grade 3, Ohio)



problem they are causing. We need to recycle and clean our water and beaches."

ocean so greatly that plastic trash

need to be aware of the pollution

will exceed fish by 2050. All people

"Marine debris is affecting the

- Julia K. (Grade 5, Massachusetts)

JANUARY

FEBRUARY



Plastics ensnare animals and get lodged in their digestive systems or block their airways. Plastic poses as edible prey and can poison animals if eaten. I use less plastic and participate in beach cleanups to do my part to help."

"Marine debris pollutes the water,

harming animals and plants.

- Nora B. (Grade 8, Hawaii)



JUNE

MAY

"Marine debris pollutes our oceans and Great Lakes. It makes sea life sick and is bad for our environment. Sometimes animals get tangled in the debris or think it is food and eat it. I will pick up any trash I find, organize beach clean ups with my friends, and try to teach others how their trash harms the seas."

- Carson M. (Grade 6, Georgia)



OCTOBER

SEPTEMBER

"Marine debris impacts our ocean and lakes by destroying the ecosystem and environment. Our water will go bad and swimming hot spots could be potentially dangerous. I will help to keep our oceans and lakes clean by picking up litter, producing less waste, and encouraging others to do the same."

- Aaron K. (Grade 5, Michigan)



MARCH

"Marine debris impacts our ocean by harming animals living in its waters. Some ways I can help our ocean be free of debris is by using reusable items, such as a water bottle, bamboo or metal utensils, and reusable containers for food. Also, I can make a difference by walking along the shoreline and pick up debris."

- Ava E. (Grade 6, California)



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"We learned about keeping the sea free of marine debris. Marine debris is rubbish in our ocean. I can help keep our Hawaii beaches clean. We want our sea creatures to be safe and happy!"

- Verona M. (Grade 1, Hawaii)



NOVEMBER

"Marine debris is a deadly environmental hazard that endangers humans, wildlife, and ecosystems. It can be ingested by animals, pollutes our environment, and can choke or entangle animals as large as whales. I entered a science competition and created two inventions concerning microplastics, bycatching, and ghost fishing to educate the public on a national scale."

- Taelyn B. (Grade 7, Idaho)



"Marine debris impacts our oceans and Great Lakes because it pollutes it and destroys the natural habitats and marine life there. Therefore, it minimizes the amount of sea life we need. I will recycle my things and try not to throw away things so often."

- Amy H. (Grade 5, Massachusetts)



AUGUST

"Marine debris greatly impacts our oceans and Great Lakes. They pollute our water and can harm and even potentially kill marine life. What we can do to keep our water debris free is to recycle, pick up trash on a regular basis, or join a beach cleanup. Using environmentally friendly materials is also a great way to keep our oceans and lakes debris

- Cindy P. (Grade 7, Mississippi)



DECEMBER

"The trash kills animals. I am going to help the ocean by cleaning the lakes. I will pick up the trash."

> Anastasia K. (Grade 8, Pennsylvania)

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