



12th Annual Edu-Gator Contest

*Attention 3rd graders! Would you like to win
an American Alligator for your class?*



Answer the following prompt:

Select a Native Florida reptile and discuss the positive or negative impacts humans have had on this species. Please then tell us how you and your school can make a positive change to aid in their overall conservation?

Submissions can be essays, poems, paintings, short stories, videos, songs, sculptures, or any other format that you feel creatively answers the question.

Please see official rules for details.
Deadline is Monday, Nov. 25th, 2019



St. Augustine Alligator Farm Edu-Gator Contest Official Rules Submission of Applications and Entries

- **All entries must be from students in St. John’s County attending third grade. Students can work individually, in pairs, or small class groups (no more than groups of 5) to submit one entry.**
- All entries must be submitted from core academic classrooms (i.e. Science, Math, Language Arts, and Social Studies). Art, P.E., Music and other classes are not eligible for submission.
- Entries will be judged on how well they address the following prompt: **“Select a Native Florida reptile (such as: American alligator, Gopher tortoise, Indigo Snake, etc.) and discuss the positive and/or negative impacts humans have had on this species. Upon learning about these impacts please tell us how you and your school can make a positive change to aid in their overall conservation?”**
- Entries will also be evaluated on: **Originality/Creativity, Quality, Relevance, Message Portrayed and Accuracy of Information.** Entries can be any creative expression including but no limited to essays, paintings, drawings, sculptures, poems, videos, songs, short stories, or collages. *Plagiarism will not be tolerated and Wikipedia should be avoided for your reference.*
- Each entry must be accompanied by a completed Edu-Gator contest entry form. Students’ names must be on the project.
- All entries must be received by **Monday, November 25th, 2019**. Late entries will not be considered. The winner will be chosen and classroom teacher notified by **Monday, December 9th, 2019**. The Edu-Gator will then be scheduled for delivery with the winning classroom teacher.
- If desired, entries must be picked up from the St. Augustine Alligator Farm between **December 9th – 13th, 2019 (Monday –Friday between 8am and 5pm)**. Any entries not picked up will be disposed of after December 15th, 2019.
- Submission should be mailed or dropped off to the **St. Augustine Alligator Farm Zoological Park, 999 Anastasia Blvd, St. Augustine, Florida, 32080 Attn: Edu-Gator Contest**. Digital submissions can be emailed to tmia@alligatorfarm.com

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- The winning class will receive a small (6-12 inches) American Alligator with all the necessary equipment and food to properly take care of it. The teacher will receive animal husbandry training and perform daily animal care. A keeper will also visit periodically to check the health of the animal and that proper care is taken.
- A written statement must be provided by the principal of the winning school granting permission to house an alligator.
- The alligator will remain in the classroom until the end of the school year. Wherein the St. Augustine Alligator Farm Zoological Park will collect all property and the animal.
- The Edu-Gator is for the winning class and must be kept within the winning class' classroom. Moving the Edu-Gator to another classroom will forfeit the win and the Edu-Gator will be returned to the St. Augustine Alligator Farm Zoological Park.
- The St. Augustine Alligator Farm Zoological Park reserves the right to remove the alligator from the classroom at any time for any reason, for the safety of the animal and/or students.
- The St. Augustine Alligator Farm Zoological Park is not responsible for any harm, injury or damage from the Edu-Gator alligator or equipment.
- In the event of the death of the Edu-Gator alligator another will be supplied for replacement.

We at the St. Augustine Alligator Farm Zoological Park are looking forward to seeing all of your submissions! If there are any questions feel free to contact the Education Department.

Sincerely,

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Edu-Gator Entry Form 2019

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Name of Student: _____ Age: _____

Title of Entry: _____

Description of Entry (in student's words):

Name of School: _____

Name of Teacher: _____ School Phone: _____

Teacher's Email Address: _____

I have read and agree to the official rules of the contest.

Signature of Student: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent: _____ Date: _____

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