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Student photo contest returns on Earth Day to encourage youth to document water in Kentuckiana

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (April 21, 2022) – To mark Earth Day 2022, the 2nd annual ***Ripple Effects Photo Contest*** returns to the Louisville area. Open to students from kindergarten through high school, this year the competition is asking youth to take photographs reflecting what clean and healthy waterways in Kentuckiana mean to them.

In support of the contest, Waterfront Park will host a free workshop on Monday, May 9, from 6 – 8 p.m. Facilitated by local and nationally recognized photographers Aukram Burton, John Nation, and Pam Spaulding, the workshop will teach participants the basics of how to take better photos, followed by a walk across the Big Four Bridge. The class will meet at the Louisville Community Boathouse (1321 River Road). To register, please visit [LFPL.org/RippleEffects](https://www.lfpl.org/RippleEffects).

The *Ripple Effects Photo Contest* is open to all residents of Kentuckiana, including counties on both sides of the Ohio River. Submissions are due by June 10 (one photo per student) and cash prizes will be awarded for the best photographs in four age categories (kindergarten through 2nd grade, 3rd through 5th grade, middle school and high school). Winning images will again be displayed at the Kentucky State Fair. **For complete rules and registration, go to [LFPL.org/PhotoContest](https://www.lfpl.org/PhotoContest).**

The Ripple Effects Photo Contest is presented by the Louisville Free Public Library, Kentucky Division of Water, Kentucky Center for African American Heritage, University of Louisville College of Education, Louisville Water Company, Waterfront Park, River City Paddle Sports, the Louisville Photographic Society, and the Louisville Photo Biennial, and is made possible through a grant from the Louisville Sustainability Council and donors to the Library Foundation.

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