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**Carson Valley Trails Association Announces Winners of “Hike for Health” Children’s Poster Art Contest**

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The Carson Valley Trails Association announces that the following students in grades 1 through 12 are the winners of the “Hike for Health” Children’s Poster Art Contest:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade: Kelsey Kjer, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Zephyr Cove Elementary School
- 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade: Dominique Groffman, 4<sup>th</sup> grade, Piñon Hills Elementary School
- 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> grade: Amanda Nelson, 8<sup>th</sup> grade, Pau-Wa-Lu Middle School
- 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade: Wendy Barrientos, junior, George Whittell High School
- Best of Show: Kevin Roberts, senior, Douglas High School

The winners of the contest will be introduced and receive their prizes at the Carson Valley Trails Association’s April 17 “Hike for Health” Celebration, 6 p.m., at the Genoa Town Hall. All of the posters entered in the contest will be on display at the event. The four first prize winners will receive backpacks filled with hiking supplies. The “Best of Show” winner will receive a \$100 cash prize. All contest participants will receive Certificates of Participation. The school with the most entries was Zephyr Cove Elementary School, which will receive \$250 for the school’s art program.

Honorable mention:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade:  
Jessie Jin, 1<sup>st</sup> grade Gardnerville Elementary School  
Haleigh Williams, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Gardnerville Elementary School

- Courtney Bobo, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Zephyr Cove Elementary School
- 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade  
Keith Becker, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Piñon Hills Elementary School  
Katelin Didero Mills, 6<sup>th</sup> grade, Minden Elementary School
  - 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> grade  
Daisy Arellano, 9<sup>th</sup> grade, George Whittell High School  
Vianey Garcia, 9<sup>th</sup> grade, George Whittell High School
  - 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade  
Elysia Zusi-Russell, junior, Douglas High School  
Heather Lathrop, junior, Douglas High School  
Tiffani Costantini, senior, George Whittell High School

The subject of the posters was trails, nature and hiking for health. Entry forms with details about the contest were distributed to schools in Douglas County and also were available online at [www.carsonvalleytrail.org](http://www.carsonvalleytrail.org). Children’s Poster Contest Chair, Lucie Johnson, reports that 322 poster contest entries were received. Following the April 17 “Hike for Health” Celebration, Carson Valley Trails Association plans to display the posters at the Douglas County Public Library.

The CVTA “Hike for Health” celebration also will include silent and live auctions, informative displays about current and future CVTA projects, live entertainment provided by the Martin & Vargas guitar duo and refreshments. The event is free and open to the public. Reservations are not required. For additional information about the “Hike for Health” celebration, contact Barb Wilson, 775-782-6859.

The Carson Valley Trails Association is a non-profit, all-volunteer organization. The mission of the organization is obtaining legal access to Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service trails and property for hiking, mountain biking and equestrian uses by the public.

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