

## Bird House Building Contest

Welcome to the Cache Valley Wildlife Association's fifth annual Bird House Building Contest. The purposes of this contest are threefold: to provide nesting sites for wild birds, to improve an area for wild bird habitat, and to highlight the creative building skills of our residents. Nesting boxes and platforms are fine, but use your imagination to create unusual shapes and designs. Entries must be submitted to Nibley City Hall 455 W. 3200 S. before 5:00pm on March 23. Prizes will be given for creativity, but the following rules must apply to each entry:

- \* Product must *function* as a real birdhouse, not just be a unique art piece.
- \* Be easy to clean out each year, so have a removable/hinged side, top, front or back.
- \* Be durable, weather resistant, and rainproof.
- \* Have small vents near the top of each side to help it stay cool
- \* Be built from appropriate materials – wood is best, metal gets too hot
- \* Be built with a sloped roof to shed water
- \* Have a few small holes in the floor to provide drainage
- \* Use screws instead of nails to allow easy repair and cleaning
- \* Have a rough “interior” front entrance to help chicks climb up to the exit hole
- \* Have entrance holes near the top, appropriate to the size of the bird, but no perches
- \* Numerous references can be found online to determine the size of the entrance hole.  
This is the single most important dimension of the house. Too small eliminates some birds; too large may allow unwanted species or predators.
- \* Original works only. No commercial or assembled kits allowed except as donations.
- \* Maximum size: 24”x 24” square base; 36” height
- \* Please use non-toxic, natural materials to keep the birds healthy
- \* Cache Valley Wildlife Association reserves the right to refuse submissions
- \* Entries exhibited at Nibley City Hall the week of March 23-27. Participants can then sell, take home, or donate their birdhouse for placement in one of our selected Nature Parks.
- \* Age Groups: 12 & under; 13-18; 19 & Over – Five entries maximum
- \* Prizes: 1 year membership to Stokes Nature Center and \$25 cash for each age group
- \* Previous “winning” houses are not eligible. Enter a new one this year.
- \* Questions? 435-512-6938 redrockron@gmail.com

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Attach this Information to each of your Birdhouses

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Work \_\_\_\_\_

Materials used \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Entries \_\_\_\_\_

Price/Value \_\_\_\_\_ For Sale? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Donation to City Park? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_