



4th Place Tie, Age Group Kindergarten to 2nd Grade.  
 Artist Name: Natalie Dickinson, 7 years old  
 Alpine Christian School, Alpine, TX. Teacher: Charles Bell



Pecos hybrid pupfish and Gulf Killifish collected from the Upper Pecos River during December 2010 aquatic life monitoring

# 2012 Rio Grande Basin Calendar

Featuring student artwork for the 2011 World Water Day Student Drawing Contest from schools throughout the Rio Grande Basin

International Boundary and Water Commission, U.S. Section  
 Texas Clean Rivers Program



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 Artist Name: Addie Curry, 6 years old  
 Alpine Christian School, Alpine, TX. Teacher: Charles Bell



# World Water Day Student Drawing Contest

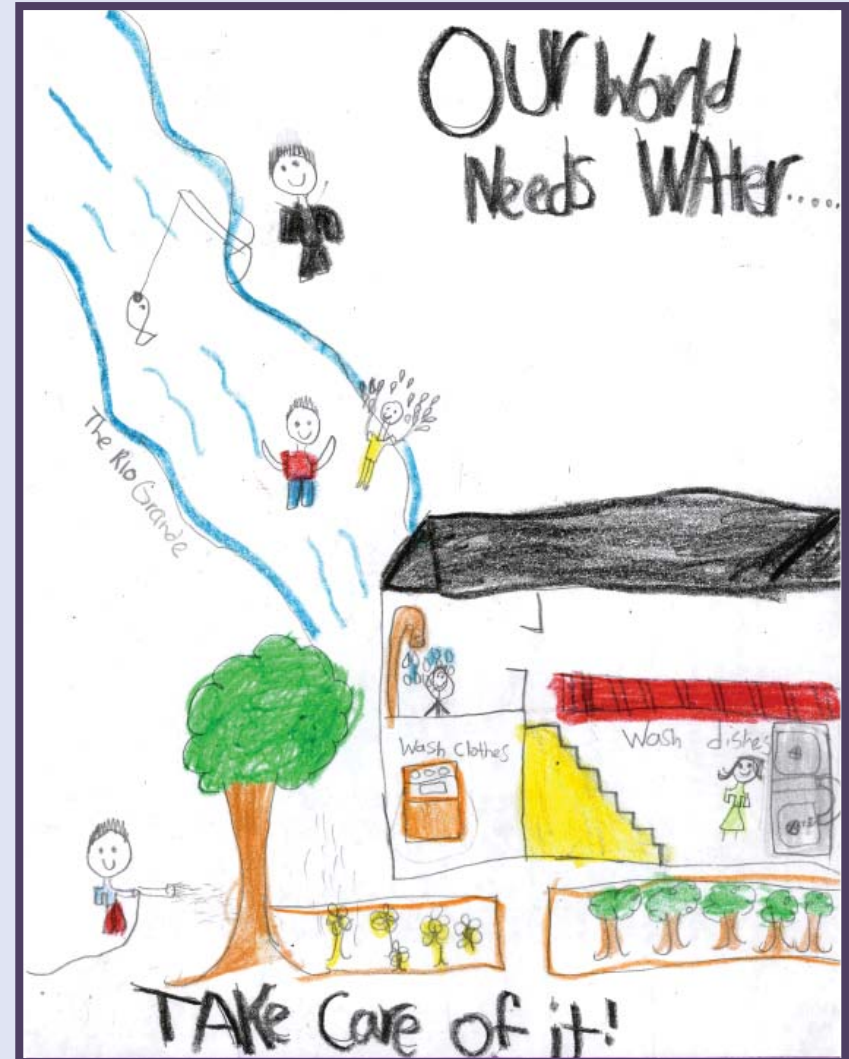
## Selected Winning Entries

In Spring 2011, International Boundary and Water Commission, U.S. Section, Texas Clean Rivers Program (USIBWC CRP) solicited student drawings for the World Water Day Student Drawing Contest. Thank you to all teachers who encouraged their students to express their appreciation for the Rio Grande and the importance of water. We received 367 entries; so many talented students submitted artwork that judging was very difficult! The committee selected 20 winners in 3 categories, which appear in the following pages of this calendar. Selected entries, in addition to some not appearing on the calendar, are posted on the USIBWC CRP Gallery webpage at <http://www.ibwc.gov/CRP/gallery.htm>. Congratulations to all participants!



2nd Place, Age Group 7th to 12th Grade.  
Artist Name: Liliana Garza, 15 years old  
Valley View High School, Hidalgo, TX. Teacher: Ms. Lesvia Cantu

In 1993, the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development designated March 22 as World Water Day. It is an international day of observance and action to focus attention on the importance of fresh water and advocate for the sustainable management of freshwater resources.  
[www.unwater.org/worldwaterday](http://www.unwater.org/worldwaterday)



Honorable Mention, Age Group Kindergarten to 2nd Grade.  
Artist Name: Renato Pedroza, 8 years old  
Paciano Prada Elementary, Laredo, TX. Teacher: Socorro Reyes





Honorable Mention, Age Group Kindergarten to 2nd Grade.  
 Artist Name: Ezequiel Garcia, 8 years old  
 Juan Seguin Elementary, Mission, TX. Teacher: Kathleen Fernandez



River Trail along the Rio Grande, Vinton TX, June 2011



Great River Raft Race, Vinton TX, June 2011

3rd Place Tie, Age Group 3rd to 6th Grade.  
 Artist Name: Leticia Echevarria, 13 years old  
 Audie Murphy Middle School, Alamo, TX. Teacher: Isabel Rodriguez







2nd Place, Age Group Kindergarten to 2nd Grade.  
 Artist Name: Lucero Ponce, 7 years old  
 Paciano Prada Elementary, Laredo, TX. Teacher: Ms. Martinez



3rd Place, Age Group Kindergarten to 2nd Grade.  
 Artist Name: Laisha Jasmine Lara, 8 years old  
 Paciano Prada Elementary, Laredo, TX. Teacher: Ms. Reyna

"Look, there's a lot of trash!" "Yeah, we have to clean our river to keep the ecosystem clean for everyone's well-being." "Yes! we should tell our friends and family to take care of our water. Let's go!"

Water is the most important liquid on our planet, for our survival, both for people as well as for animals and plants. That's why it's important to "TAKE CARE OF OUR WATER." All of the ways that water gets to us, from rivers, seas, and the rain, we have to take care of our fundamental liquid to live. We have to try to NOT THROW TRASH in the places near water--for example, in rivers, seas, and water collection tanks. Because trash contaminates water, causing illnesses, viruses, and contamination. Therefore Don't Throw Trash...Take Care of Our Water!

"Mira, hay mucha basura!" "Si, tenemos que limpiar nuestro rio para mantener limpio el sistema para el bienestar de todos." "Si mira, tenemos que decir a nuestros amigos y familias que hay que cuidar el agua. A juntar!"

El agua es el liquido mas importante que hay en nuestro planeta, para nuestra supervivencia, tanto para la gente como para los animales y tambien para las plantas. Por eso es importante "CUIDAR EL AGUA." De todos los medios donde se nos proporciona el agua de los rios, de los mares, tambien de la lluvia, hay que cuidar nuestro liquido fundamental para vivir, hay que tratar de no TIRAR BASURA en los lugares donde hay agua--por ejemplo: en los rios, en los mares, y en los tanques donde se recolecta el agua. Porque al tirar basura el agua se contamina y de ella vienen muchas enfermedades, virus, y contaminación. Por eso es importante "No Tirar Basura" ...Cuidemos Nuestro Agua!

**Rio Grande Valley**  
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THE TEXAS CLEAN RIVERS





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 Artist Name: Daisy Hernandez, 11 years old  
 Tabasco Elementary, La Joya, TX. Teacher: Ms. Mendoza

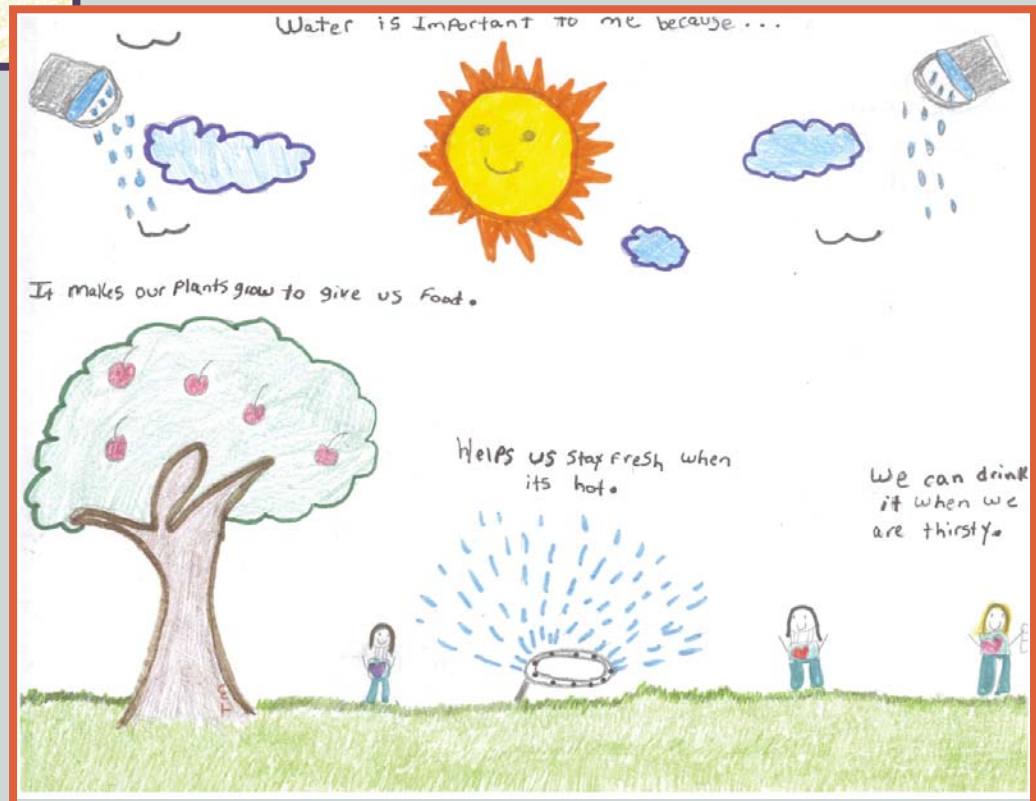


Rio Grande at Station 13230 upstream of the Rio Conchos confluence near Presidio, TX, April 2011



IBWC Falcon Field Office staff collect sediment samples at Station 17596 Apache Ranch between Eagle Pass and Laredo, TX, April 2011

Honorable Mention, Age Group Kindergarten to 2nd Grade.  
 Artist Name: Trinity Melchor, 8 years old  
 Paciano Prada Elementary, Laredo, TX. Teacher: Ms. Aguirre





2nd Place Tie, Age Group 3rd to 6th Grade.  
Artist Name: Valeria Cortina, 9 years old  
Villa Nueva Elementary, Brownsville, TX. Teacher: Mr. Lozano

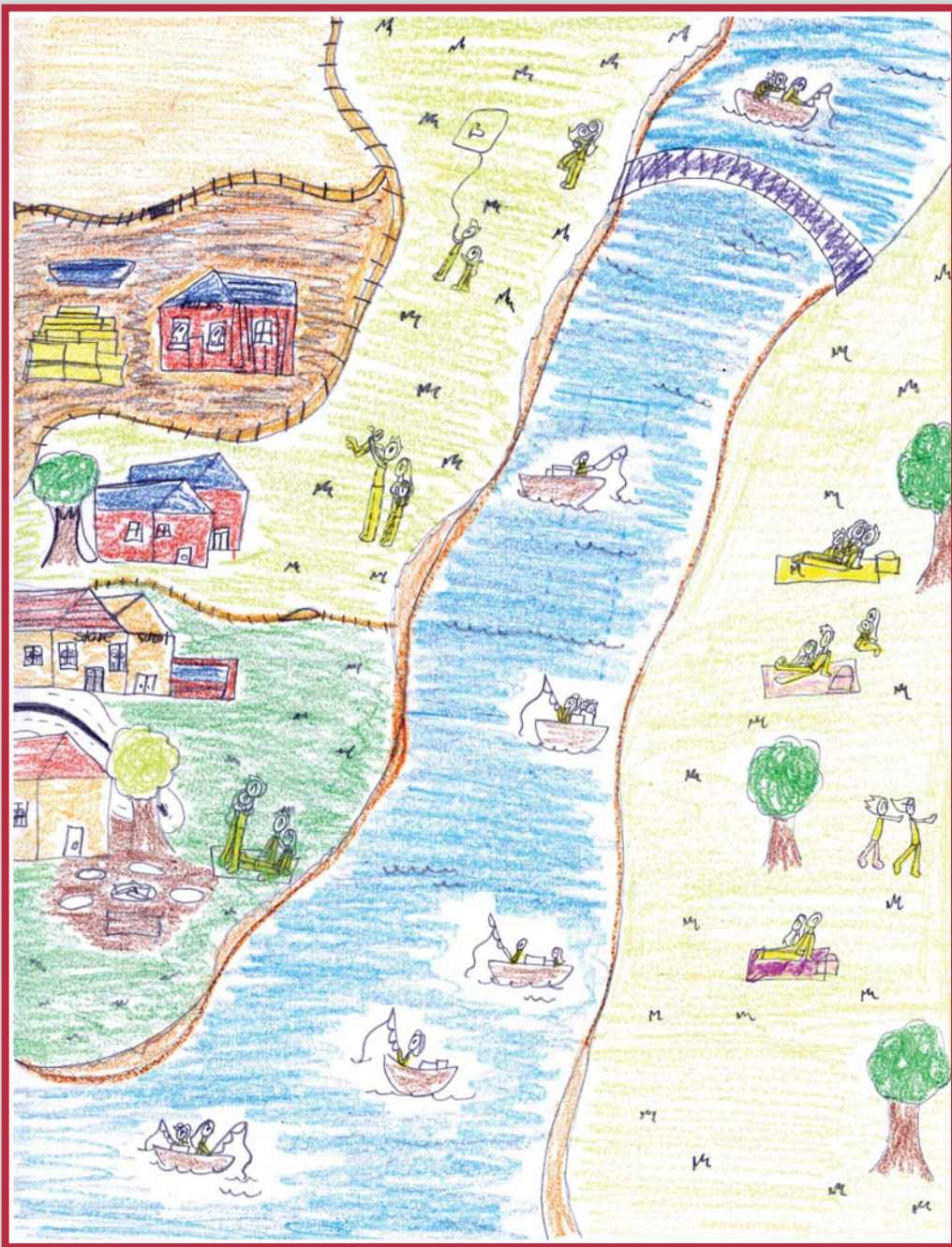


3rd Place, Age Group 7th to 12th Grade.  
Artist Name: Dayla Cobos, 17 years old  
PSJA North High School, Pharr, TX. Teacher: Alma Villareal



IBWC Amistad Field Office staff take water quality field measurements at Station 13560 at Moody Ranch near Del Rio, TX, April 2011





Station 13276 near the Texas/New Mexico border at Anthony, Texas, during the low flows of February 2011



Same site, Station 13276 near the Texas/New Mexico border at Anthony, Texas, after releases from Elephant Butte Dam for irrigation season, May 2011

4th Place Tie, Age Group 3rd to 6th Grade.  
Artist Name: Aline Torres, 10 years old  
Zapata Elementary, Mission, TX. Teacher: Ms. Lanford







2012

# January

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# February

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Right: USIBWC CRP staff collect bacteria samples in the Lower Rio Grande Valley's flood waters, Aug. 2010. Left: Rio Grande floodplain south of Weslaco, Aug. 2010.

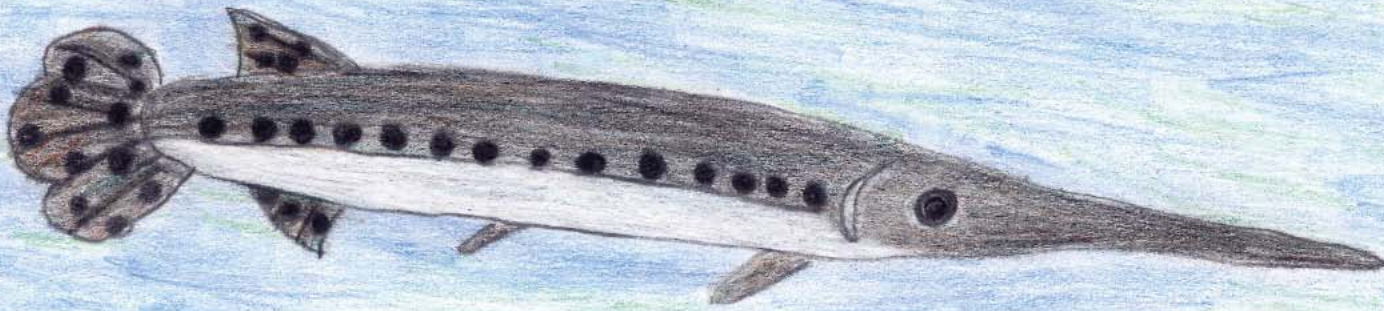


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FRESH  
WATER  
leads  
to a  
Healthy  
Life!

Keep our  
river CLEAN!



Fish are  
important to  
our ecosystem.

Don't pollute  
the Rio Grande!



# 2012

# March

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# April

Abril

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The Rio Grande makes up 1,255 miles of the international boundary between the United States and Mexico. The river is a vital resource for border communities along the Rio Grande, creating a unique border culture between sister cities, as depicted in this student drawing.



2012

# May

Mayo

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Saturday

Fishermen wade in the Rio Grande below the international bridge in Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, May 2011.



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Día del Trabajo (Mexico)

National Drinking Water Week

Cinco de Mayo (Mexico)



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Día de las Madres (Mexico)

International Migratory Bird Day

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Mother's Day

Armed Forces Day



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World Biodiversity Day

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Memorial Day

April 2012

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San Felipe Creek in Del Rio, Texas is fed by San Felipe Creek and has excellent water quality. It provides an important source of high-quality water into the Rio Grande.

2012

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Right: Kids slide down San Felipe Creek. Left: A young girl swings into San Felipe Creek in Del Rio, Texas, April 2011.



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National Trails Day

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World Environment Day

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National Get Outdoors Day

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Flag Day

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United Nations Day to Combat Desertification and Drought  
Father's Day

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First Day of Summer

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Participants of the 2011 USIBWC CRP Laredo Bacteria Special Study collect water quality samples and field measurements below one of the international bridges in Laredo, Texas, May 2011. Water quality studies like this one help gather data to assist state and federal agencies to manage the river.

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# August

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Above inset:  
Teams of scientists  
conduct studies in  
the Lower Canyons  
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November 2010  
(photo by C. Kolbe).





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*Inset below: TCEQ staff collect habitat data in the Pecos River during an aquatic life study in December 2010.*

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*El Río Bravo es el quinto río más largo de Estados Unidos y entre los 20 más largos del mundo. Se extiende de la cordillera San Juan en el estado de Colorado hasta el Golfo de México (1,901 millas) y forma un tramo de 1,255 millas de la frontera entre México y los Estados Unidos.*



*Crayfish downstream of American Dam in El Paso, Texas, May 2011*

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For more information, visit our website at [www.ibwc.gov/CRP/index.htm](http://www.ibwc.gov/CRP/index.htm) or contact:

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