

# Bryce Canyon



## Local Student Art Contest!

Bryce Canyon National Park's "Utah Prairie Dog Day" returns on Thursday May 9, 2024 and we invite your students to join the celebration! This event features ranger-led prairie dog viewing, kid-friendly activity booths, and a special art contest to celebrate local creativity.

This year's Utah Prairie Dog art contest is open to all students kindergarten through 12th grade in Garfield, Wayne, and Kane counties. Art contest submissions will be judged by grade level. All submissions will receive a special thank you gift, and the winner in each grade will receive a \$50 gift certificate to the Bryce Canyon Association Visitor Center bookstore. The grand prize winner will also be featured on the 2024 Utah Prairie Dog Day poster.



### Submission Instructions:

- Include name, school and grade on the back of the artwork.
- Entries must depict a Utah prairie dog in its environment. This may include a meadow or any of the park's iconic scenery.
- Entries can be mailed to Bryce Canyon National Park at P.O. Box 640201, Bryce, Utah and should be postmarked by April 5th.
- Entries can also be scanned and emailed to the park at [BRCA\\_Information@nps.gov](mailto:BRCA_Information@nps.gov)
- All submissions will be displayed at the Bryce Canyon National Park Visitor Center on Utah Prairie Dog Day
- E-mail [BRCA\\_Education@nps.gov](mailto:BRCA_Education@nps.gov) with any questions!

### Bring Your Class!

Teachers interested in attending Utah Prairie Dog Day with their classes can apply for free entrance to the park by following the instructions at the park's Academic Fee Waiver page at [go.nps.gov/BryceFeeWaivers](https://go.nps.gov/BryceFeeWaivers).

Virtual and in-person programs are also available for classrooms. To learn more and sign up visit [go.nps.gov/BryceEducation](https://go.nps.gov/BryceEducation).

Only found in southern Utah, the Utah Prairie Dog is a critical part of the park's ecosystem. Utah Prairie Dogs are considered a "keystone species" as they serve a variety of important functions in maintaining southern Utah's meadow ecosystem including aerating soil and promoting plant growth. Learn more at [go.nps.gov/UtahPrairieDog](https://go.nps.gov/UtahPrairieDog)

