

## 128<sup>TH</sup> SEQUIM IRRIGATION FESTIVAL

# Button Design Contest

## “128 Out the Gate”

The Button Design Contest for the 2023 Sequim Irrigation Festival is open to all students between 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades within the Sequim School District boundaries. Buttons with the winning design are sold at various locations within Sequim. You are encouraged to incorporate the 2023 theme into your design.

**Theme:** They begin their lives in some remote and obscure places. Tiny, fragile, and unique. But over their lifetime they find their way with deliberate purpose, the exact destination unknown, but on the course of greatness! Until one day their moment has come, and they find themselves seemingly shoulder to shoulder and crowded in the headgate with others that have made a similar journey. Their combined massive weight in numbers, straining at the obstruction that binds and holds them back from the destination and mission that has been theirs since the beginning.

Unbridled energy that grows with each passing moment. Energy that is literally measured in horsepower. Building, growing, to a tumultuous crescendo, when at once the floodgates are opened, “and they are off”, marks the beginning of this storied annual tradition. It is a great start as they come bursting from the gate and thundering down the raceway, they find their place in the chaos. Each holding its pace and order in the natural flow of the moment. They round the first corner, picking up speed and jockeying for position as the pack begins to thin in the back stretch, and the leaders start to assert themselves, running as fast as they can, yet not knowing what lies around the next bend. Then they are quickly into the next turn and churning up the course as they head into the home stretch. Some will test their luck and attempt to make a move on the outside, while others will try to muscle through the pack to daylight. It is a longshot either way.

And here they come. It is too close to call, as they run neck and neck... They are running neck and neck... And its? Its??

Truth be told, they are all winners. They will all realize their destiny, as each one, each rain drop, each melted snowflake is diverted from the mighty Dungeness into the miles of winding irrigation canals and ditches that crisscross our valley and give water egress to connect with the fields that grow our food, water our cattle and livestock, give way to industry and commerce, and provide our homes with the life giving gift we depend on and have for 128 years running. Sequim – Where Water is Wealth And you thought we were talking about horse racing!

### Rules

1. Students in the 1<sup>st</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> grades living within the Sequim School District boundaries are eligible to enter.
2. Art designs may be done in any media (color is encouraged) except for computer generated and must be submitted on 8 ½” x 11” white paper.
3. The winning design is used on the button exactly as it is submitted (just reduced in size to fit).
4. Winners will be asked to sign a paper attesting to originality and releasing all rights for use of the design for the 2023 Irrigation Festival. The original design must be created for the 2023 festival.
5. A maximum of two entries per student will be accepted. Additional or replacement forms can be found on our website, or white paper with the required information on the back maybe used for a second entry.
6. Entries for the festival button are due on **January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023** to the student’s teacher, or can be mailed to: Irrigation Festival Button Contest, PO Box 2073, Sequim, WA 98382 (mailed entries must be post marked by 01/18/2023).
7. Entries must have designer’s first and last name, grade, teacher, school, parent/guardian name and phone number **ON THE BACK OF EACH ENTRY**. Please do not include other personal information.
8. Judges’ decision will be final and will be made on or before February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.
9. Artwork submitted will not be returned until after the festival in May 2023, where it will be displayed by downtown merchants. It will be available for pick up after the festival. The winning artwork will be retained by the judges.

### Prizes

The selected student artist will win:

- Ride in the 2023 Irrigation Festival Grand Parade on May 13<sup>th</sup> - details will be provided to the winner
- Limo Lunch for the winner and up to 3 friends – Sponsored by Liz Parks of RE/MAX Prime
- Tickets for two (2) to the Festival Pageant on February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
- Dinner for three (3) to the Festival Kick-off Dinner –on March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 additional details will be provided later
- Artwork and artist bio featured in the Information Booth and Festival Program

**If you have questions concerning the 2023 Irrigation Festival Button Design contest, call/text Michelle Rhodes at 360-477-3023, or e-mail: [info@irrigationfestival.com](mailto:info@irrigationfestival.com) attn: Michelle/Button Contest.**



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**Entry Form - DESIGN GOES ON OTHER SIDE**

**DUE: JANUARY 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

