

Statewide poster contest for N.C. Children’s Outdoor Bill of Rights

The North Carolina Children and Nature Coalition (NCCAN!), a project of the N.C. Zoological Society and the Environmental Educators of N.C. (EENC), is sponsoring a poster design contest that will be used in marketing materials for the new N.C. Children’s Outdoor Bill of Rights. The contest is open to school-aged children and adults.

Information about the contest and the Children’s Outdoor Bill of Rights is at the contest website, www.nckidsoutdoors.org. Entries must be received on or before June 21, 2010. Winners will be posted on the website by Aug. 1, 2010.

NCCAN! is a statewide coalition under the umbrella of the N.C. Zoological Society. NCCAN! is working with the Environmental Educators of N.C., the N.C. Zoo and other stakeholders to create a cultural shift across the state to promote children getting outdoors, engaging in play, and connecting to nature. The Children’s Outdoor Bill of Rights will heighten awareness and ensure all North Carolina children have many opportunities to connect with nature at an early age and build on that connection. A growing body of research has demonstrated the health, educational and social benefits of outdoor play in nature.

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- ☐ Yes: 18 percent
- ☒ No: 81 percent
- ☐ Undecided: 1 percent

KIDS WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Saumil Jariwali



Akhil Jariwali

Twins make their mark in academics and the community

Twin brothers Akhil and Saumil Jariwali, both seniors at the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics in Durham, are making their mark in academics as well as community involvement.

Akhil was recently named a Morehead-Cain Scholar by UNC-Chapel Hill, an award based on scholarship, moral character, leadership and a focus on an active lifestyle. He is founder and captain of his school’s Ocean Science Bowl team and a member of the Science Olympiad Team. He also participates in an Indian dance group and was a student adviser to North Carolina’s Blue Ribbon Charter School Commission.

He and his brother, Saumil, also are both Eagle Scouts. They completed improvements to Beaver Creek Dam Recreational Area by building benches and raccoon-proof trash cans as their scout projects.

Saumil was recently named a 2010 Presidential Scholar, a federal program that recognizes high school students who have demonstrated leadership, scholarship, and contribution to school and community.

Saumil is student body president at his school and has been involved in creating a sustainability project on campus related to energy use. The UNC Board of Governors provided the student body with a grant to install monitors on campus that allow students in the school’s residence halls to compare energy usage and compete for the lowest use.

“It’s a testament to the student body as a whole that they can come up with these types of ideas,” Saumil says of the project.

He also has been working through Massachusetts Institute of Technology on a STEM cell laboratory project to make science more accessible to high school students by creating a visual stem-cell-like scenario that can be used within a laboratory curriculum.

Akhil and Saumil are the sons of Arvind and Parul Jariwala of Raleigh. “We are extremely proud of both of them,” says their father, Arvind Jariwali. “They are both good boys.”