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GEORGIA JUNIOR DUCK STAMP ART ON EXHIBIT

AT CALLAWAY RESORT & GARDENS

PINE MOUNTAIN, GA (9/15/2017) – Callaway Resort & Gardens is proud to host the 2017 Georgia Junior Duck Stamp Exhibit. This year is the 28th anniversary of the Junior Duck Stamp program, which is made available through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to promote conservation through the arts.

Each year Georgia youth participate in the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Contest. Students in grades K-12 select a North American duck, goose or swan; research the species and its habitat; then depict the bird in an artistic medium.

Following the competition, the winning artwork goes on an exhibition tour around Georgia. The exhibit will be on display from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Daisy Classroom of Callaway’s Virginia Hand Callaway Discovery Center September 2 through October 31, 2017.

Winners on the state level receive prizes and certificates. Rayen King, 17, of Johns Creek, Georgia, won the annual 2017 Georgia Junior Duck Stamp Art Contest.
Competition that took place on Tuesday, April 11, 2017, at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Office in Atlanta. Five judges unanimously selected her acrylic rendition of an American wigeon out of 574 total entries as the Georgia Best of Show. Twenty-five winners in each of four different age groups were selected by the judges. All 100 of the winners are included in the exhibit.

Prizes and ribbons also were given for the best student conservation message that expresses the spirit of what they learned while researching and planning for their Duck Stamp Contest artwork entry. This year’s winning conservation message was submitted by 14 year-old Catherine Wang of Johns Creek: “Conservation is the promise that the children of tomorrow will witness the beauty of today.”

To support conservation programs, Junior Duck Stamps may be purchased for $5, plus shipping and handling by calling 1-800-STAMP-24 (800-782-6724). For program information, visit http://duckstamps.fws.gov.

The USFWS sponsors this program annually to encourage students to explore their natural world, to investigate biology and wildlife management principles, and to express and share what they have learned with others.

It is the principal federal agency responsible for conserving, protecting and enhancing fish and wildlife and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. The Gardens exists to fulfill a similar mission of preserving the natural environment and helping others learn good stewardship of the earth.

According to the USFWS, for every dollar spent on federal duck stamps, 98 cents goes directly to purchase vital habitat for protection in the National Wildlife Refuge System. Since 1934, sales of Federal Duck Stamps to hunters, stamp collectors and other conservationists have raised millions of dollars which has been used to acquire more than 5.3 million acres of habitat for the National Wildlife Refuge System.
Admission to the Gardens is $20/adult; $10/child (ages 6 to 12); children ages 5 and under are admitted for free. Overnight packages are available. Special event rates may apply. Tax is included.

Callaway Resort & Gardens is in Pine Mountain, Ga., 60 minutes southwest of Atlanta and 30 minutes north of Columbus. For additional information, call 1-800-463-6990 or visit www.callawaygardens.com.

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About Callaway Resort & Gardens
For more than 65 years, Callaway Resort & Gardens has provided “a place of relaxation, inspiration and a better understanding of the living world” for millions of visitors. Owned and operated by the non-profit Ida Cason Callaway Foundation, Callaway includes a gardens and resort on 2,500 acres in Pine Mountain, Georgia. Highlights include a butterfly conservatory, discovery center, chapel, inland beach, nature trails, a zip line/obstacle course and special events throughout the year.

In addition, Callaway Resort & Gardens offers meeting space, 690 guest rooms, spa, restaurants, shops, golf, tennis, fishing and more.

Note to Editors: Images, interviews and visits to the event can be arranged. Thank you.