



Hill Country Pokemon Creation Contest

Guidelines & Entry Form

All Pokémon have special **adaptations** that help them live, grow, and stay safe in their environment. These can be **abilities** (physical features or natural powers) or **skills** (behaviors or actions they can use in battle).

Ecologists are scientists who study how living things (plants, animals, fungi) and non-living things (water, rocks, weather) all work together in a place.

In this contest, you get to be a **Pokécologist**! Use your observations about the Texas Hill Country to imagine how your Pokémon would live there. Think about:

- How your Pokémon uses water, air, sunlight, or soil
- How it deals with weather like drought, storms, or wildfires
- How it interacts with other Pokémon or real Hill Country animals
- What special adaptations help it survive in this environment

You're using real science, just like an ecologist, to design your own Hill Country Pokémon!

1. Choose Your Hill Country Inspiration

Pick something from the Texas Hill Country to inspire your Pokémon. You can choose **one** or **mix a few together**.

Examples:

- **Animals:** rattlesnakes, armadillos, free-tailed bats, coyotes, golden-cheeked warbler
- **Plants:** prickly pear cactus, bluebonnets, Antelope Horn Milkweed, oak trees, juniper
- **Nature:** rivers, cliffs, caves, limestone bedrock of fossilized sea creatures
- **Weather:** sunny, hail, wildfires, drought, floods

Think about how these things interact with one another in the Hill Country!

2. Describe Your Pokémon

Your Pokémon should teach us something about **ecology** - how living things survive in their environment.

Pick a Type

Choose a Pokémon type that matches your creature's habitat or behavior. Examples: Grass, Water, Fire, Rock, Ground, Flying

Give It a Name

Make a name that fits your Pokémon's Hill Country features. Example: **Cactuff** (a cactus-inspired Pokémon)

Choose an Ability

Abilities show how your Pokémon survives in nature.

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Examples of real adaptations:

- **Spines** (protection)
- **Feathers** (flight or insulation)
- **Chlorophyll** (make food from sunlight)
- **Mimicry** (pretending to look like something else)
- **Migration** (moving to survive weather changes)
- **Playing dead** (avoiding predators)

Example ability: **Collect Water** - Cacti have a special adaptation to store water in their stem. This ability allows you to search your deck for two water types and put them in your hand.

Pick a Skill

Moves show what your Pokémon can do in battle.

Types of moves:

- **Attack** (Fireball, Thunderbolt)
- **Heal** (Heal Pulse, Curse)
- **Support** (Protect, Heal Bell)
- **Status** (Thunderwave causes paralysis)
- **Weather/Field Change** (Rain Dance, Solar Beam)

Attack example: **Prickle Slam** - Your opponent's Pokémon is now paralyzed, and your HP is healed by 25.

3. Create Your Pokémon

Create your own original Hill Country Pokémon on a **blank white 8.5×11 sheet of paper**.

Think about its shapes, colors, personality, special features and abilities.

Your artwork must be **100% your own**. No AI art. No copying existing Pokémon. Let your creativity go **WILD!**

Completed artwork means your Pokémon is fully drawn, fully colored or shaded, and ready to show off!

Make sure it looks the way you imagined it, and that your entry form is filled out so we know it's yours.

You can turn your Pokemon into a custom card for free at <https://pokecardmaker.org/>.



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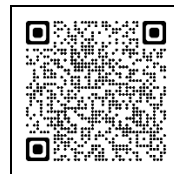
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How to Enter Contest:

Submit directly through this Google Form: Click or Scan the code

OR

Include **this page** with your completed artwork (fully drawn, fully colored or shaded and ready to show off.)

Turn in your entry by **November 27th @ 5 pm** to join the prize drawings including a grand prize drawing sponsored by **Level Up Games!**

Prize winners will be revealed at our **December 12th Holiday Open House**. Your Pokemon just might be featured along the **Pokémon SNAP Scavenger Hunt** routes on **Dec 5th**. Make your drawing bold and easy to see from **5 feet away** for the best chance to be featured.

Your Full Name:

Contact Phone #:

Age:

Your Pokemon's Name:

Type:

Ability:

Skill:

A short description of how your Pokémon survives in the Hill Country:

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