



National Chemistry Week 2008 Poster Contest

As part of the National Chemistry Week (NCW) 2008 the American Chemical Society (ACS) is hosting a poster contest for students in kindergarten – grade 12.

Students are invited to create a poster that celebrates the theme “Having a Ball with Chemistry”. The poster should be fun, motivational and inspire students to discover the connections between chemistry and sports.

Consider how science/chemistry is used in sports. For example:

- Importance of an active lifestyle for physical well-being
- Chemistry in materials used for sports
- Improvements in sporting equipment made possible through chemistry (e.g. improve safety or allow for “extreme sports”)
- Chemistry and sports nutrition

Prizes... Prizes... Prizes... Prizes...

First and second place in each of the following grade categories:

- K – 2nd
- 3rd – 5th
- 6th – 8th
- 9th – 12th

1st Place: \$250

2nd Place: \$150

There are also prizes for teachers of winning students, which will include a *Periodic Table of the Elephants* poster!

Local prizes for North Jersey American Chemical Society students and teachers

1st Place: \$50.00, 2nd Place \$25.00 3rd Place \$10.00 in every age group. Teachers of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place students receive the same prize.

EDUCATORS: Find additional resources for your classroom/students and easy ways to celebrate at

www.acs.org/ncw.

National Chemistry Week is a program of the American Chemical Society
Office of Community Activities
800-227-5558, ext. 6097, ncw@acs.org



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Contest Rules:

- All entries must be original works without aid from others.
- Posters must be no larger than 14 x 22 inches.
- Entries on foam board will not be accepted.
- Entries must be hand-drawn using crayons, paint, colored pencils or markers.
- All entries **must** have the following information included on the back of the poster: student's name, grade, name of school or sponsoring group (e.g. Boys and Girls Club or Scout Troop), adult contact address, contact name, contact telephone number, student/adult contact email address. Home schooled students are eligible for the contest and should include the name of any homeschool group with which they are associated.
- **Suggestion Make a label and clearly mark the above information**
- **Entries lacking complete and legible information will be disqualified.**
- Schools please encourage all students in each class to participate. You can collaborate with the art teacher. Please judge the posters in the school and **submit only the three best posters per grade level per school.**
- Posters not submitted should be displayed in the school during National chemistry week. Make a photo copy of the school winning posters for display. Winning posters will not be returned.
- Please publicize the poster contest in your school to the media and parents and school board members.
- Invite local parents to help judge the posters.
- All posters become the property of the American Chemical Society and the North Jersey Section of the ACS
- Acceptance of prizes constitutes consent to use winners' names and entries for editorial, advertising and publicity purposes.
- **Posters must be sent to:**

**National Chemistry Week Poster Contest
c/o Mrs. Mary Ann Penna
4 Cameron Rd.
Piscataway, NJ 08854**

- **Posters must be submitted to Jeannette Brown, NCW Coordinator, at the address above in time for the local contest Deadline, October 17.**
- Address questions to NCW Coordinator: Jeannette Brown
Jebrown@infionline.net 908-359-1515

Judging:

Entries will be evaluated based on the following:

1. **Artistic Merit** (use of color, quality of drawing, poster design & layout)
2. **Poster Message** (should be fun, motivational and promote chemistry's important role in the field of athletics)
3. **Originality and Creativity** (unique, clever and/or creative design)
4. **Neatness** (free of spelling and grammatical errors and/or stray marks)