



National Chemistry Week 2009 Poster Contest

As part of the National Chemistry Week (NCW) 2009 the American Chemical Society (ACS) is hosting a poster contest for students in Kindergarten thru Grade 12.

Students are invited to create a poster that celebrates the theme "Chemistry—It's Elemental!". The poster should be fun, motivational and inspire students to learn about one or more elements in the periodic table.

Consider the roles that elements play in your everyday life. For example:

- The history of an element or elements
- Common and not-so-common uses of elements
- The history of the periodic table

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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!

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.

For general information about the contest, contact the American Chemical Society, Office of Community Activities at 800-227-5558, ext. 4458 or email ncw@acs.org.

National Chemistry Week Poster Contest Rules

- 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 be original works without aid from others.
- 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.
- Entries lacking complete and legible information will be disqualified.
- **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 submit information to local newspaper websites.
- 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 Bettyann Howson
North Jersey Section ACS
49 Hillside Ave.
Madison, NJ 07940
[This is a change from an address in Piscataway that had been listed earlier]
- **Deadline to submit posters for the No. Jersey contest is October 16, 2009.**
- Questions? Contact Coordinator Jeannette Brown, Jebrown@infionline.net , 908-359-1515, or Bettyann Howson, chemphun@optonline.net, 201-787-0108

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 encourage the student to learn about one or more elements in the periodic table)
3. **Originality and Creativity** (unique, clever and/or creative design)
4. **Neatness** (free of spelling and grammatical errors and/or stray marks)

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