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](http://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
National Chemistry Week Poster Contest

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)