

2012 Playground Safety Poster Contest

Poster Contest Rules

1. The contest is open to all Oklahoma elementary age school children in grades 1 through 6. Posters will be received from public and private schools, home schools and recreation centers. Posters will be judged in the following grade categories:
 - Group 1 = 1st and 2nd grades
 - Group 2 = 3rd and 4th grades
 - Group 3 = 5th and 6th grades
2. The poster theme must be related to playground safety in a positive approach and be the original concept of the student.
3. Posters should not contain likenesses of copyrighted, trademarked, syndicated, or clipart images. Any poster containing such image(s) cannot be selected as the winner of a monetary prize or be included in the Playground Safety Calendar.
4. Entries must be done in marker, crayon, watercolor, ink, acrylic, colored pencil or tempura paint. Computer generated art or computer generated printing is not acceptable.
5. Posters **MUST** be submitted on at least 11" X 17" poster board or some other rigid paper product.
6. On the back of each poster, attach a completed entry form in the upper right corner. Please legibly print in ink or type on the entry form. The entry form may be found on the Oklahoma Department of Labor's website at www.ok.gov/odol/documents/2012playgroundcontestentryform
7. Entries should not be matted, mounted, laminated, framed, folded or rolled.
8. Posters must be the work of the student. Parents and teachers may provide consultation and guidance, but all drawing, lettering and preparation must be the work of the student.
9. Judging:
 - a. Each participating school or recreation center should establish a panel of judges for local selection of one 1st place winner for each of the three categories.
 - b. **ONLY** the 1st place poster from each grade category is to be mailed to the Oklahoma Department of Labor, 3017 N. Stiles, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73105, for inclusion in the final statewide competition. Posters must be received no later than the close of business, March 9, 2012 to be eligible for consideration.
 - c. The statewide panel of judges will consist of three persons:
 1. One representative of the Department of Labor
 2. One representative of the Department of Education
 3. One representative of the Oklahoma Recreation and Parks Society
 - d. Posters submitted for inclusion in the statewide competition will not be returned.
 - e. Posters are judged based upon several elements including artistic talent displayed, overall theme, relevance to playground safety, and reproducibility of poster into the calendar.
10. Winning posters will be announced no later than Friday, April 13, 2012.
11. Winners of the statewide competition will receive United States Maturing Savings bonds:
 - \$1,000.00 for the overall winner
 - \$500.00 for the 1st place winner in each age category
 - \$250.00 for the 2nd place winner in each age category
 - \$100.00 for the 3rd place winner in each age category
 - \$50.00 for the 4th place winner in each age category
 - \$25.00 for the 5th place winner in each age category
12. Contest rules and prizes may be changed and/or updated at any time.

Contact Information

For further information contact Liz McNeill, Oklahoma Department of Labor, telephone 405-521-6110 or toll-free 888-269-5353; or Vivian Baber, Oklahoma Department of Education, 405-522-2232; or Ms. Patty Dixon, Oklahoma Recreation & Park Society, 918-245-5756.



Poster Contest Dates

Friday, March 9, 2012

Poster submission deadline to Oklahoma Department of Labor, Oklahoma City office

Friday, April 13, 2012

Poster Contest Winners Announced

Tuesday, April 24, 2012

National Playground Safety Week

Poster Winners Attend State Capitol Presentation