



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

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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, which will include a *Periodic Table of the Elements* poster!

EDUCATORS: Find additional resources for your classroom/students and easy ways to celebrate at www.acs.org/ncw.

For additional information about the contest, contact the American Chemical Society, Office of Community Activities at 800-227-5558, ext. 6097 or email 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.
- Posters must be sent to the ACS Local Section NCW Coordinator. Contact the coordinator in your area via the "Coordinator Lookup" at www.acs.org/ncw. **NOTE:** Posters received directly from schools/students will not be eligible for the contest.
- Posters must be submitted to NCW Coordinators in time for the local contest (**deadlines will vary**).
- 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.

Coordinator Information:

- NCW Coordinators determine how many entries per school will be accepted into the local contest.
- Only one entry per category may be entered into the national contest by each NCW Coordinator (entries from areas not covered by any ACS Local Section's territory will be handled on a case-by-case basis).
- The following information must be included on the back of each entry: ACS Local Section name, NCW Coordinator name, phone and email.
- NCW Coordinators are encouraged to judge the posters during NCW, October 19-25, and one winning entry per category should be received by the ACS in Washington, DC on or **before Friday, October 31, 2008**. Winners will be announced on our website and via email announcement the following week.
- ACS is not responsible for lost, damaged, or delayed postal shipments.
- All posters become the property of the American Chemical Society.
- Acceptance of prizes constitutes consent to use winners' names and entries for editorial, advertising and publicity purposes.

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)

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