

Rules & Details for the Fight the Bite Poster Contest 2012

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1. Participants must be in the 5th grade or 6th grade (home-schooled students are welcome).
2. One 5th and 6th grade winner will be selected for those grades for each state from which qualified entries are received. Each winner will receive an award certificate and a check for \$50.
3. There will be two national grand prize winners, one from each grade. Each national winner will receive an awards certificate and a check for \$1,000.
4. Artwork should reflect the theme “Fight the Bite” and those exact words should appear on the poster (for examples, see prior national-award winning posters on this website). Keep in mind that when using a repellent on a child, an adult should put it on her or his own hands and apply the repellent to the child. Also, note that repellents aren’t insecticides and *repellents do not kill mosquitoes or ticks*; rather they keep people from being bitten (see more information in our “Helpful Hints” and “Tips for Teachers”).
5. The theme should be depicted visually in one or a combination of mediums, such as acrylics, watercolor, pencil, pen, charcoal, spray paint, crayons, pastels, etc. Do not attach any materials, such as glitter or cottons balls or pipe cleaners, to the poster.
6. Do not include the child’s name on the front of the poster. However, please have this information included on the entry form and permanently attach it to the back of the poster. The child can also write her/his name on the back of the poster.
7. The finished poster should no larger than 11 x 14 inches. The poster should be mailed with a stiffener or cardboard in a flat envelope or in a mailing tube. Please do not fold the poster.
8. The poster must be submitted with a completed entry form, clearly written in ink or typed.
9. Please follow contest rules. Entries that do not comply with the rules, such as incomplete entry forms, will not be eligible for consideration.
10. Artwork will be judged on a) originality and execution of design, b) reflection of the contest theme and associated information.
11. Contest packages must be received or postmarked by April 18, 2012 to the following address:
DEET Education Program, 1289 Fordham Blvd., Suite 235, Chapel Hill, NC, 27514.
12. Judges will be representatives of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the DEET Education Program and specially selected public-health, medical and mosquito-control experts.

13. National award winners will be notified by telephone and e-mail by the DEET Education Program, which also will notify the winners' schools and local news media. State winners will be notified by e-mail. A list of winners will be posted at www.fightthebitecontest.org by May 20.
14. The winning posters (originals and copies) may be displayed at CDC offices and state and local public health agencies.
15. Winning posters may be used in publications, exhibits, displays, in news materials, videotapes and on Web sites as determined by the CDC and the DEET Education Program.
16. All posters submitted will become the property of the Fight the Bite Poster Contest. Any applicable copyrights will be held by the CDC and the DEET Education Program.
17. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact the DEET Education Program at 800-789-3300 or email your question to judia@kroegerpr.com.