“Fight The Bite” Poster Contest Instructions

Thank you for getting involved in the “Fight The Bite” poster contest! As your public health department, we hope this will be a fun learning experience. If you are a parent or teacher of a participating student, please help them follow the instructions below to create their posters and submit them on time. Students should design their posters with a clear message about how to prevent mosquito bites and mosquito-borne illnesses, like West Nile Virus.

Let’s get started:

1. The poster contest is open to all Williamson County students in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade.

2. Students must create their posters on an 8½” X 11” sheet of paper in landscape layout only. One entry per student, please.

3. All content and drawings must be original. Hand drawn or electronically created submissions will be accepted. Submissions should be colorful and eye-catching with minimal help from parents. Text should be large enough to read.

4. Students should pick a theme like “Fight the Bite”, “Prevent West Nile”, the 4-Ds or something catchy related to preventing mosquito bites. Learn more

5. Each student should fill out an Entry Form (click to download) and tape it to the back of their poster. Do not staple.

6. The deadline to submit posters is Friday, April 24, 2015 by 5 pm. Posters can be submitted any time before the deadline. Learn how the posters will be judged

7. Posters can be dropped off at the address below or submitted by mail. If sent by mail, the posters must be sent in an envelope big enough to hold the poster without folding and postmarked by April 24th. Do not fold the poster; place it straight into the envelope.

Mail or hand deliver your submissions to:
Integrated Mosquito Management Program
Williamson County and Cities Health District
Attn: Catherine Zettel Nalen
303 Main St., Georgetown, TX 78626

8. If a student is picked as a finalist, an email will be sent to the student’s teacher and/or the school principal. The teacher or principal will be asked to inform the student they are a finalist.
How will the posters be judged?

1. All poster entries will be collected by the WCCHD Integrated Mosquito Management Program (IMMP).

2. IMMP will set up a judging panel to review all poster entries and choose the top finalists from each participating school district.

3. The “Fight The Bite” finalist posters will be placed on WCCHD’s Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/WCCHD for public “online” voting. The posters will be placed in a photo album. Voters can “LIKE” the poster of their choice. The link to the WCCHD Facebook page will be published on WCCHD social media and distributed to all of the teachers whose classes participated in the contest.

4. Public voting on the WCCHD Facebook page will take place between May 4th and May 15th.

5. The Facebook vote totals will be delivered to the Integrated Mosquito Management Program (IMMP) for the final tabulation.

6. The IMMP will contact the teacher and/or school principal of the winning student. IMMP will set up a time to visit the school and present the winning student with a Grand Prize. The top finalist from each school district will also receive a prize.

7. The winning poster and finalist entries will be posted on the WCCHD website and Facebook page no later than May 21, 2015.

8. All posters become the property of Williamson County and Cities Health District. Artwork from the posters may be used for future educational materials.
*Please tape a completed copy of this entry form to the back of each poster.
Posters submitted w/o name or grade will not be accepted

Student's Name: _____________________________________________________________
Age: _______ Grade: ________
Teacher or Principal's Name: ___________________ Phone: __________ Email ___________________________
Parent's Name: _______________ Signature: ___________________ Phone: ___________________________
School Name: ______________________________________________________________
Address: ______________________________________________________________________
City: __________________________ Zip Code: __________

All entries must be received by Williamson County and Cities Health District, Integrated Mosquito Management Program, 303 S. Main St., Georgetown, TX 78626 by April 24, 2015.

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Here are some online mosquito prevention resources to help build your poster:

- Williamson County and Cities Health District:
  http://www.wcchd.org/services/disease_mgmt/fight_the_bite_williamson_county/index.php

- Texas A&M Agrilife Extension:
  http://mosquitosafari.tamu.edu/safari.htm

- Texas Department of State Health Services:
  http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/idcu/disease/arboviral/westnile/information/general/faqs/

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:
  www.cdc.gov/features/StopMosquitos/