

2012 Nebraska Severe Weather Awareness Poster Contest

The springtime severe weather season is quickly approaching and that means it is time for the annual 2012 Nebraska Severe Weather Awareness Poster Contest. The contest, sponsored by Nebraska Association of Emergency Management, the National Weather Service and the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency, is part of the annual Severe Weather Awareness Week effort produced by emergency management directors across Nebraska.

The poster contest is open to all fourth-grade students in Nebraska public and private schools as well as home-schooled fourth-grade students.

Teachers are encouraged to have students participate while teaching them about hazards of severe weather in Nebraska. While not specifically designed to promote tornado awareness, tornadoes are the most common theme chosen for posters. Lightning and flooding, which are products of severe thunderstorms, are also good topic choices.

The first-place winner in the state contest wins a \$200 Gift Card. The second-place winner receives a \$150 Gift Card and third place wins a \$100 Gift Card. The Nebraska Association of Emergency Management furnishes all the Gift Cards. The fourth-place poster winner receives a \$50 Gift Card sponsored by the National Weather Service and all four winners will receive a NOAA "All-Hazards Weather Radio Alert Radio".

Contest rules are as follows:

1. Poster artists must be a fourth-grade pupil in any Nebraska private, public or home school.
2. Entries must relate to the theme of severe weather safety and will be judged on originality, effort and accuracy. All entries must be on an 11" x 17" sheet of white paper. Any medium may be used (crayon, paint, markers, etc.). Only one entry is allowed per pupil and no joint entries (posters by more than one person) will be accepted.
3. Each school is encouraged to conduct the contest. All entries must be delivered to Region 26 on or before Feb. 24, 2012. Address: Region 26, PO Box B, Taylor, NE 68879.
4. Each entry **MUST INCLUDE** student name, age, complete home address, home telephone number, name of school, location of school and school phone number on the back side of the entry.
5. First-, second-, third- and fourth-place winners will be chosen. All winners will be notified by telephone or mail. The four winners and their parents will be invited to the State Capitol on Wednesday, March 14 @ 10:00 AM for the presentation of their awards by Nebraska Gov. Dave Heineman.
6. Any questions regarding the 2012 Severe Weather Poster Contest should be directed to Region 26 Emergency Management at 308 942-3461 or email at linda@region26.org

Posters will be judged during the first week of March by the Nebraska Association of Emergency Management president and representatives from the National Weather Service and the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency.