As part of the National Chemistry Week (NCW) 2009 the American Chemical Society (ACS) is hosting a poster contest for students in kindergarten – grade 12.

The Alabama Section of the ACS invites students to create a poster that celebrates the theme “Chemistry—It’s Elemental!” The poster should be fun, motivational and inspire students to learn about one or more elements in the periodic table.

Consider the roles that elements play in your everyday life. For example:
- The history of an element or elements
- Common and not-so-common uses of elements
- The history of the periodic table

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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: $50 checks to the student and to the classroom
2nd Place: $25 checks to the student and to the classroom

There are also prizes for teachers and winning students in each grade category in the ACS national contest!

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. 4458 or email ncw@acs.org.

ALABAMA LOCAL SECTION EDUCATORS: Submit your students’ posters to Dr. Larry K. Krannich, Dept. of Chemistry, Univ. of AL at Birmingham, 1530 3rd Ave. So., Birmingham, AL, 35294 by Friday, October 16th
National Chemistry Week Poster Contest

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. Larry K. Krannich, Dept. of Chemistry, Univ. of AL at Birmingham, 1530 3rd Ave. So., Birmingham, AL 35294 in time for the local contest (receipt deadline is Friday, October 16th). All 1st place winning posters in each category will be forwarded to ACS for the national contest.
- 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.

NCW 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 Alabama Local Section, NCW Coordinator name – Larry K. Krannich, 205-934-8017, Krannich@uab.edu.
- NCW Coordinators are encouraged to judge the posters during NCW, October 18-24, and one winning entry per category should be received by the ACS in Washington, DC on or before Friday, October 30, 2009. 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 everyday life)
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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