

STARR COUNTY FAIR EDUCATIONAL POSTER DIVISION 2012 (12/3/11)

Schedule:

Educational poster pre-registration is **NOT** required.

Tuesday, February 21	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Acceptance of entries at coliseum
	1:00-1:30 p.m.	Judges' orientation
	1:30-3:30 p.m.	Judging of posters
	4:00 p.m.	Removal of posters not displayed
Saturday, February 25	?:00 p.m.	Parade of Champions (Sr., Jr. & Peewee Grand and Reserve Champions only)
	8:00 p.m.	Exhibited posters must be picked up from coliseum

The contest is divided into three divisions: **senior division (grades 9-12), junior division (grades 3-8), and peewee division (grades Pre-K through 2nd)**. Peewee and junior division participants must be students in Starr County schools, members of Starr County 4-H clubs, or members of other organizations within Starr County (scouts, etc.). Senior division participants should be under the direction of Starr County 4-H Club leaders and/or FFA, FCCLA, or FACS teachers.

1. Entries will be in the following six categories, which are the same for all age divisions:

Category 1—Nutrition

Category 2—Drugs or Alcohol Prevention

Category 3—Health/Personal Hygiene

Category 4—Conservation of the Environment

Category 5—Citizenship & Patriotism (America or Texas)

Category 6—Safety

2. The following information should be **on the back** of the poster:

Name of exhibitor

Name of school, 4-H Club, FHA or FFA Chapter, or organization (scouts, etc.)

Town where exhibitor goes to school

Grade exhibitor is in at school

Division (Sr., Jr., Peewee)

Name and Number of Category (one of the six listed above)

The student's name and other information **should not appear on the front of the poster.**

Entries not properly labeled will not be accepted.

3. All entries must be entirely the work of the person entering the exhibit. If two or more persons make the poster as a team project, only one winner will be named and one prize given. The first name listed will be the one recognized.
4. Schools, 4-H clubs, and other organizations need to have their own poster contest in advance of the contest date. They can award prizes and have their own school display of winners. They should then bring their **top ten** winners in each of the age divisions to the fairgrounds coliseum between 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 on the day of competition for participation in the Starr County Fair.

IMPORTANT NOTE: A school with grades spanning two age divisions may bring ten posters for each age division. For example, elementary schools may bring ten from the peewee division (PK-2nd) and ten from the junior division (grades 3-8).

5. Posters must illustrate an idea and deliver a message. Creativity and expression of theme are very important. The following criteria will be considered: idea expressed, neatness, heart of the message, balance, color/color scheme, unity, uniqueness, lettering, appropriateness of subject, creativity.
6. Posters should be no bigger than a standard size poster 28" x 22", but they may be smaller, including half-poster size. Minimum poster size is 8 ½ x 11 inches (construction paper size). If the poster is very heavy, please put a wire hanger on the back for display purposes. Posters will be stapled to the display boards.
7. Registration of the entries will be done by members of the committee as they are brought to the fairground building. Preregistration of posters with the Homemaking Division is optional. A \$5.00 entry fee will be collected for each entry. Entries will be tagged, and entry numbers will be issued to each participant. No entries will be accepted after the designated acceptance hours unless they were already waiting in line.
8. A panel of judges will award a ribbon placing to each poster and will select the top winner and runner-up in each category of each division (Sr., Jr., Peewee). They will then select the Grand Champion (Sr., Jr., & Peewee) from the Top Winners. The Reserve Champion (Sr., Jr., & Peewee) will be selected from the remaining top winners as well as the Runner-up in the Grand Champion's category.
9. Judging will be held on Tuesday afternoon, and some posters from each division will be selected to be displayed throughout the fair. The Educational Poster Committee will decide which posters will be displayed, as space allows. All other posters need to be picked up at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday.

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