

2021 Youth Water Poster Contest Rules and Guidelines

Poster Theme: "Trust the Tap!"

Overall Learning Objectives

- ✓ Increase student awareness that COVID-19 is transmitted person to person and has no impact on the quality or safety of their drinking water.
- ✓ Educate students about how their tap water is protected from viruses, including the coronavirus, and safeguarded by the City of Santa Ana during the pandemic.
- ✓ Reinforce good hygiene habits among students such as the importance of washing hands regularly with soap and water as an effective way to prevent spread of COVID-19 through surfaces.

Goals of Contest

To raise awareness of the high quality and safety of Santa Ana's tap water through creative expression.

Instructions for Activity

Instruct students to create a poster that makes a statement about how and why tap water is safe to drink. (See the 2020 Kids Activity Book for information and ideas.)

Guidelines: All Entries Must Adhere To All Guidelines & Poster Specifications

- ✓ Open to students in grades K-12 who are residing in Santa Ana. One entry per student.
- ✓ Each entry must have the parent/guardian approval form taped to the back of the poster. All information including the student's name, age and grade level, teacher's name, school name, and name, phone number, and address of parent or guardian must be clearly written so that the winners can be identified and contacted easily. (See the form in this packet.)
- ✓ **Entries that do not adhere to all poster specifications will be disqualified.**
- ✓ Judges will consider artistic interpretation, level of originality (e.g., uniqueness, creativity), effort, grammar, degree of visual and word clarity (e.g., the use of color, art media and/or the written word) and how well the art reflects the theme.*
- ✓ The decision of the judges is final.

Poster Specifications

Each of these selection criteria **MUST** be followed in order for the artwork to qualify for judging by the City of Santa Ana. **Entries that do not adhere to all poster specifications will be disqualified.**

- 1. Poster Size:** Artwork must be presented in a horizontal format and drawn on **WHITE** poster board or **WHITE** drawing paper that is **12" high X 18" wide** (**Oversized, undersized or vertical artwork WILL NOT BE eligible.**)

* Judges do not know the name, gender, or school of the student. Posters are judged by grade level only.

2. **Materials:** Bold, bright, brilliant colors show up the best! You may use the following art media: crayons, markers, pencils, paints, watercolors, chalks, cut paper or fabric.
3. **Format:** Artwork **must** have AT LEAST a **one-inch white or blank border on all four sides**. This is a graphics and framing requirement.
4. **Theme: "Trust the Tap!"** A *short* message **must** be written on the artwork (but, not necessarily the words *Trust the Tap!*). The fewer words written the better. Remember, words **must** be spelled correctly! **Posters with misspelled words will not be selected.**
5. **Subject:** Artwork must depict ways drinking water is clean from viruses and safe to drink. Please use information in the **2020 Kids Activity Book** to guide your students.
 - **Facts:** The CDC recommends everyone to continue to use and drink tap water as usual.
 - According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the novel coronavirus has not been detected in drinking water supplies and has no impact on the quality of tap water. COVID-19 is transmitted person to person, *not through water*.
 - Even if the coronavirus was able to live and spread through drinking water, all municipal drinking water systems like the City of Santa Ana use a multi-barrier approach to ensure safe and reliable drinking water:
 - **Source Water Protection:** 70% of Santa Ana's water comes from the Orange County Groundwater Basin, one of the best quality and most protected sources available.
 - **Treatment:** Santa Ana's water goes through filtration and disinfection processes to specifically remove or kill pathogens, including viruses that cause COVID-19.
 - **Monitoring/Testing:** The City of Santa Ana employs highly-trained and skilled staff and takes exhaustive measures to constantly monitor and test its water to ensure public safety. Last year, Santa Ana collected 16,125 samples throughout its distribution system for water quality testing, all which met state and federal standards.
 - **Regulation:** Santa Ana's drinking water is highly regulated, even more than bottled water, and must comply with stringent state and federal standards, which require removal of over 99.99% of all viruses. In fact, California has some of the highest required levels of treatment for drinking water.
 - **Hygiene:** Handwashing is one of the best ways to protect yourself and your family from getting sick. Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing; going to the bathroom; and before eating or preparing food.
6. **Originality:** Artwork must be ORIGINAL (no traced, trademarked, or copyrighted characters and slogans, i.e. Snoopy, Sponge Bob etc.) **The City of Santa Ana reserves the right to question or disqualify any artwork that is clearly not the work of the youth based on their age and grade level.**

Deadline and Details

- ✓ The Youth Water Poster Contest is open to students in grades K-12 who are residing in Santa Ana.
- ✓ Artwork must be sent in a flat, sturdy box or tube.
- ✓ In order to be reviewed for the contest, entries must be delivered to the City of Santa Ana Water Resources Division by 4:00 pm on Friday, March 26, 2021:
City of Santa Ana
Water Resources Division
215 South Center Street
Santa Ana, CA 92703
Attn: Youth Water Poster Contest
- ✓ All entries become the property of the City of Santa Ana and the submission may or may not be returned. The City of Santa Ana has the right to use any selected poster for its water conservation campaign and promotional items and for any other City public relations use. This includes but is not limited to the City of Santa Ana's web site, display of the original or copies of a poster at exhibit events and reproduction of copies on such items as T-shirts, stickers, calendar magnets and postcards.

Awards Reception:

Winning entries will be notified and honored at our Youth Water Poster Contest Exhibit and Awards Reception next year. Please stay tuned for the date! Special prizes will be awarded to one Grand Prize Winner and two finalists in each age category. Prizes range from gift certificates to Nintendo Switch and iPads.

Teacher Drawing:

To acknowledge teachers who actively encourage student participation in the contest, we will hold a special drawing for teachers with 8 or more student entries from their classroom. The drawing for a \$200 gift certificate from Art Supply Warehouse will take place at our Youth Water Poster Contest Exhibit and Awards Reception next year. While not mandatory to receive the winning draw, we encourage teachers to join us at the reception!

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Youth Artwork Rights / Parental Approval Form

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____ **Yes**, I have read the rules and guidelines, and understand entries that do not adhere to all poster specifications will be disqualified. (**Visit www.santaanawater.org/contest for rules and guidelines.**)

____ **Yes**, I approve of my child's artwork being featured at exhibit events and on any non-profitable promotional items.

____ **No**, I do not approve of my child's artwork being featured at exhibit events and on any non-profitable promotional items.

Youth's Name (**please print**)

Name of Parent/Guardian (**please print**)

Date (**please print**)

Signature Parent/Guardian

Email address (**please print**)

2021 Youth Water Poster Contest Information Card

Youth's Name: _____ Age: _____

School Name: _____ Grade Level: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Address: _____

NOTE: Please write clearly and spell correctly ALL names and information.