



Take the Road to a Cleaner Oklahoma with Statewide Trash Poster Contest

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“There’s Hope...Just Pick Up Your Trash,” was the message on the overall winning entry from the Oklahoma Department of Transportation’s 2011 Trash Poster Contest to promote state cleanliness and pride through anti-littering slogans and artwork. The deadline for this year’s competition is fast approaching.

Entries for the 2011 Trash Poster Contest must be submitted by Jan. 31 to the local county office of the Department of Environmental Quality, one of several partnering agencies. All Oklahoma students in kindergarten through grade 12 from any public, private, tribal, charter, parochial, home school or juvenile center are eligible.

The contest is divided into four divisions by grade: K-2, 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12.

Entry forms and contest details are available online at okladot.state.ok.us/beauty/index.htm then clicking on Poster Contest.

“The contest offers teachers an opportunity to talk with students about waste problems and viable solutions. As students learn, they share their knowledge with family and friends, helping the effort to make Oklahoma a clean and beautiful state,” Melody Johnson, ODOT’s Beautification coordinator, said.

All county winners will receive a certificate and have their entries forwarded to the statewide competition, from which 12 will be selected to appear on the 2013 calendar. Those winning artists will be honored at a spring luncheon at ODOT headquarters in Oklahoma City. In addition, they each will receive a cash award – \$250 for first place, \$150 for second place and \$100 for third place in each grade category. They also will receive a T-shirt and a laminated place mat bearing the student’s design. Additionally, one of the 12 winning posters will be selected as the display poster of the year and distributed statewide.

Following the luncheon, the students will be presented to the Oklahoma House of Representatives at the state Capitol.

Teachers of the 12 state winners will receive vouchers for a two-night stay at a state park and checks for classroom art supplies in amounts ranging from \$50 to \$100.

Over 14,000 entries into the poster contest were received in 2011, and 45,000 calendars were printed and sent to schools, state offices, media outlets and various other organizations.

The contest is organized by ODOT, DEQ, Oklahoma State Department of Education, Keep Oklahoma Beautiful, Oklahoma Highway Safety Office and Oklahoma Arts Council.

Sponsors include OGE Energy Corporation, Oklahoma Employees Credit Union, Veolia Water, Oklahoma Tourism & Recreation Department – Oklahoma State Parks, Oklahoma Environmental Management Authority, Walmart, AEP Public Service Company of Oklahoma, Sierra Club Oklahoma Chapter, Oklahoma Rural Water Association, Solid Waste Institute of Northeast Oklahoma, Waste Research, Inc., OAC, KOB, OHSO, SDE, DEQ, OTA and ODOT.

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