As part of National Chemistry Week (NCW) 2008, the American Chemical Society (ACS) in conjunction with the Erie Section of the ACS is hosting a poster contest for students in kindergarten – 8th grades.

**Students are invited to create a poster that celebrates the theme “Having a Ball with Chemistry!”** The poster should be fun, motivational and inspire students to discover the connections between chemistry and sports.

Consider how science/chemistry is used in sports. For example:

- Importance of an active lifestyle for physical well-being
- Chemistry in materials used for sports
- Improvements in sporting equipment made possible through chemistry
- Chemistry and sports nutrition

**Local Prizes!!!**

The first place winner in each of the following grade categories:

- K – 2nd
- 3rd – 5th
- 6th – 8th

will receive a chemistry t-shirt and a classroom visit to your school from a chemist.

The winning posters will be sent to the ACS in Washington DC for the national competition.

**National Prizes!**

First and second place in each of the grade categories above will receive:

- 1st Place: $250
- 2nd Place: $150

There are also prizes for teachers of winning students!

For additional information contact
Tracy Halmi, NCW Coordinator
tracy@psu.edu
National Chemistry Week 2008 Poster Contest

Judging:

Entries will be evaluated based on the following:

1. **Artistic Merit** (use of color, quality of drawing, poster design & layout)
2. **Poster Message** (promote chemistry’s important role in sports)
3. **Originality and Creativity** (unique, clever and/or creative design)
4. **Neatness** (free of spelling and grammatical errors and/or stray marks)

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:
  
  Tracy Halmi, NCW Coordinator  
  4205 College Drive  
  School of Science - Prischak Building  
  Erie PA 16563

- Posters must be received by: **October 17th** (strict deadline)

- All entries **must** have the following information on the back of the poster: student’s name, grade, name of school or sponsoring group (e.g. Girls Club), 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.) Also included on the on the back of each entry: Erie Local Section, Tracy Halmi, 814-898-6045, tracy@psu.edu.

- Entries lacking complete and legible information will be disqualified.
- 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.

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