

## Contest Calendar for 2010-2011

2011 Contest opens March 1, 2010  
and closes October 15, 2010

State judging will occur by  
October 15, 2010

National winners notified by  
December 1, 2010

Award Ceremony January 14, 2011  
in Washington, D.C.

### 2010 Winners



1st Place: Radon Kills  
Alec of Guthrie, OK



2nd Place: Radon Can be Anywhere  
Emily of Holladay, UT



3rd Place: Don't Let Radon Take Your Life  
Noah of Savannah, MO

### Artwork Requirements:

Artwork must meet the following requirements:

- White Paper - size preferred is 12x18 or 8.5x11 but all submission sizes will be accepted
- Be original
- Must NOT have student's name on the front
- Should include a title on the front
- Topic and title must be on the Artwork
- Submission Form (Available at [www.sosradon.org](http://www.sosradon.org) or by contacting 518-402-7556).

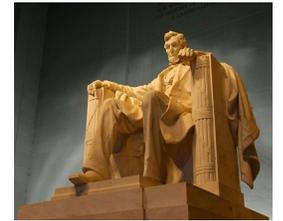
Artwork can be created with crayon, markers, paint (watercolor, tempera, acrylic), collage, photographs or computer graphics.

Copyright characters (such as Snoopy), product logos and trademarked or brand names cannot be used.

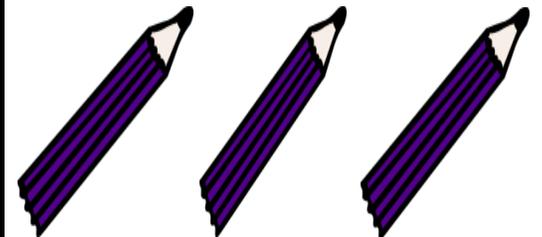
Lettering and message should be large enough to reproduce well, with all pencil markings erased.

## National Radon Poster Contest

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Agency*



**WIN A TRIP TO  
Washington, D.C.**



## **National Radon Poster Contest (Sponsored by Kansas State University and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency)**

### **The Cause: Radon**

Radon is a colorless, odorless and tasteless gas that can kill. The Surgeon General lists it as the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States. This radioactive element moves through the ground to the surface, and can easily enter homes and buildings. There is no way to detect the amount of radon present unless it is tested.

### **The Goal:**

Harmful effects of elevated levels of indoor radon gas are a problem. The solution is to reduce the number of homes with elevated levels of radon. This contest is designed to raise awareness for radon testing and inform people of the danger of radon in their homes.

### **The Participation: Far-reaching**

Schools from all 50 states, US territories, tribal nations and the Department of Defense (DoD) are encouraged to participate in the contest. Judges will select winners and runners-up in each state, territory, tribal nation, and DoD schools. These winning posters will be entered into the national contest. The poster submission form is included with your packet. You can also visit [www.nyhealth.gov/radiation](http://www.nyhealth.gov/radiation) for poster submission information.

### **The Prize: Trip to Washington, D.C.**

The national winner, a parent and a teacher (or sponsoring organization's representative) win an all-expenses paid trip to our nation's capital. They will participate in an awards ceremony during which the winning entry is unveiled. The poster will also be reproduced and distributed nationally to promote radon awareness.

### **Eligibility Requirements:**

Children ages 9-14 are eligible. They can be enrolled in a public, private, territorial, tribal DoD or home school - or through a sponsoring club, such as an art, computer or science club; scouting organization; or 4-H club.

### **Judging Criteria:**

- Content accuracy
- Visual communication of topic
- Reproducibility
- Originality

### **Choose from the following topics:**

- What is radon?
- Where does radon come from?
- How does radon get into our homes?
- Radon can cause lung cancer.
- Test your home for radon.

### **Contact Information:**

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Bureau of Environmental Radiation Protection  
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Flanigan Square  
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