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## *Earth Day 2009 T-Shirt Design Contest Rules & Regulations*

### **1. Entry period:**

The N.E.S.E.C., Inc. Earth Day 2009 T-Shirt Design Contest will begin accepting submissions on Dec. 1, 2008. Entries must be received no later than midnight of March 13, 2009.

### **2. Eligibility:**

This contest is open to children enrolled in grades K-12 during the entry period of the contest. Employees of the National Environmental Science Education Center, Inc. as well as immediate family members are not eligible. Students enrolled in Canton City Schools, Tuslaw Local Schools, and Strasburg Local Schools in Ohio are not eligible at this time. The contest is subject to all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations and any aspect of the contest is void to the extent prohibited by law.

### **3. Rules of Entry:**

Each school may only submit one entry per division (divisions are K-3, 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12). Schools should have their own art contest to determine which artwork they will submit to the National Environmental Science Education Center, Inc.'s contest. The National Environmental Science Education Center, Inc. is not responsible for any lost, late, incomplete, invalid, unintelligible, or misdirected entries.

Submissions will not be returned and will become the property of the National Environmental Science Education Center, Inc.

By entering the contest, all parties agree that the National Environmental Science Education Center, Inc. has the right to display, copy, distribute, sell, and otherwise use the artwork as it sees fit without any fee or other form of compensation.

**Entry Divisions:**

Individual artwork: Any environmental theme about Earth Day! Create an environmental picture, an environmental slogan, or a combination of a picture and a slogan.

Four divisions: K-3 4-6 7-9 10-12

**4. Agreement to Rules:**

By entering the contest, all parties fully and unconditionally agree to and accept the rules as outlined herein and agree to accept the decisions of the National Environmental Science Education Center, Inc. and the contest judges which are final and binding.

**5. Judging Criteria:**

Entries must meet all rules and submission criteria as stated herein and in "Contest" section of the National Environmental Science Education Center, Inc. website to be eligible.

Entries will be evaluated by a panel of judges. Artwork will be judged on artistic merit, creativity, and accuracy of information depicted in the entry.

**6. Prizes:**

Teachers should give all participants an official certificate of appreciation. A master copy of the certificate is available for download at [www.nesecenter.com](http://www.nesecenter.com). The certificate is signed by both the President and Vice-President of the National Environmental Science Education Center, Inc.

**National Winner Prizes:**

Individual artwork division winners will receive a framed certificate of appreciation and a t-shirt that portrays their artwork. In addition, each individual artwork division winner will receive a \$50 US Savings Bond (Series EE).

Winners will be announced on March 23, 2009.

**7. Publicity**

Submission of an entry in the contest constitutes consent for the National Environmental Science Education Center, Inc. to use the names of artists, names of teachers, school, and grade at the time of entry submission and state of residence for promotional purposes in any media without further consideration.

**8. General**

The National Environmental Science Education Center Inc. reserves the right to cancel, suspend, and/or modify the contest or any part of it. If any fraud or factors beyond the National Environmental Science Education Center, Inc.'s

control impairs the integrity of the contest or events beyond the control of the National Environmental Science Education Center, Inc. make fulfilling the terms of the contest impossible, the contest may be cancelled, suspended, and/or modified.

The National Environmental Science Education Center, Inc. reserves the right to disqualify any entry if it finds the entry to be in violation of the rules of the contest.

## **9. Results and Rules**

For a list of winners and/or a copy of these rules, go to:  
[www.nesecenter.com](http://www.nesecenter.com).

## **10. Entry Instructions:**

Original artwork must be submitted. **Unfortunately, submissions cannot be acknowledged or returned and will become the property of the National Environmental Science Education Center, Inc.**

Size: 8.5 x 11 inches      vertical or horizontal format

### **Mediums Accepted:**

- Any type of paint
- Ink
- Pencil, colored pencil
- Crayon

### **Documentation-to be printed on the back of all entries:**

- Title of picture
- Full name of artist
- Grade and Age
- Teacher's name and school
- Date submitted in month, day, year format
- Mailing address, email address, & phone number (this may be contact information for the teacher if applicable)

### **Mail entries to :**

**National Environmental Science Education Center, Inc.  
Earth Day 2009 T-shirt Design Contest  
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