

Nevada radon poster contest offers cash prizes

University of Nevada Cooperative Extension's Radon Education Program is sponsoring a poster contest for all Nevada children between the ages of 9 and 14. The first-place winner will receive \$50 and the second- and third-place entries will receive \$25 each. The deadline for entries is Oct. 31, and the top three posters will be entered in the 2011 National Radon Poster Contest by Nov. 15.

The top three national winners will receive an expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for the Award Ceremony Jan. 14. The winning national poster will also be reproduced on next year's poster contest promotional materials.

Contestants can be enrolled in a public, private, territorial, tribal, Department of Defense or home school. Children can also enter through a sponsoring club, such as an art, computer or science club, scouting organization or 4-H club.

Children can choose one of five poster 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.

Nevada posters should be sent to Megan Long, University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, 5305 Mill St., Reno, NV, 89502 by Oct. 31. For more information, call 1-888-RADON10 (1-888-723-6610). The contest is sponsored by the Nevada Radon Education Program, Nevada State Health Division, Kansas State University and EPA.

For specific contest details, more information on radon, how to acquire a radon test kit or to locate the nearest UNCE office, go to the Nevada Radon Education Program website, www.RadonNV.com or call University of Nevada Cooperative Extension's toll-free number, 1-888-723-6610.