

Entries sought for Nevada Radon Poster Contest

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How do you portray something that's tasteless, colorless and odorless, but can result in serious illness and even death.

That's the challenge for young artists by the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension's 2014 Nevada Radon Poster Contest.

The contest is open to children 9-14 years old.

Radon is a radioactive, colorless, odorless and tasteless gas that comes from the ground.

The poster contest is part

of the Nevada Radon Education Program and is sponsored by University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health, Kansas State University and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Posters in this year's Nevada Radon Poster Contest should convey some of these important messages: 1) What is radon? 2) Where does radon come from? 3) How does radon get into our homes? 4) Radon can cause lung cancer, and 5) Test your home for radon. They can be created

with crayon, markers, paint, collage, pencil, photographs or computer graphics. There is no fee to enter, but each child is limited to one entry. Entries must be received by Oct. 31 at the Washoe County Office of Cooperative Extension, 4955 Energy Way, Reno, 89502-4105.

Cash prizes for the top five entries are \$75 for first place, \$60 for second, \$45 for third and \$25 for fourth and fifth place. The top three entries are also awarded cash prizes for their teachers or sponsoring organization's representative and

are entered in the national contest. National contest winners receive \$1,000 for first place, \$600 for second, \$400 for third and \$400 for special online voting recognition. Interested groups should contact Jamie Roice-Gomes, the radon education coordinator at University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, at 775-336-0252 or roicej@unce.unr.edu for more information on the contest. For more information on the dangers of radon, visit www.RadonNV.com or call 1-888-Radon10 (888-723-6610).