



Marine Education Poster Contest 2009

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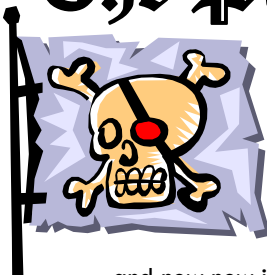
Dolphin Encounters - Project BEACH

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The Pirates of the Caribbean:

Invasive Species in The Bahamas



There is a silent war going on in The Bahamas, one that leaves countless animals and plant dead and others homeless. This war has been waging for decades

and now new invaders are joining the fight to take over our beautiful Bahamaland, looking to steal precious land, water and resources from us. These fearsome pirate-like invaders -- called **Invasive Species** -- quickly establish themselves as the dominant species and can destroy our native ecosystems, human health, and ultimately all native life within The Bahamas. If we are not pro-active, these environmental buccaneers could steal more than just a few acres of land or sea!

Learn more about invasive species and express your feelings through art in the Marine Education Poster Contest 2009. As a bonus, DE staff will present a FREE Marine Assembly Program at your school to introduce you to the real pirates of the Caribbean!

To learn more about invasive species, use the M.E.P.C. info sheet or contact Dolphin Encounters at (359-0278) or at www.DolphinEncounters.com.

Contest Deadline:
March 31st, 2009

Student Awards



Inkberry forces out native plants that protect our beaches.



Casuarina trees increase beach erosion.



The poisonous Lionfish has no natural predators in the Bahamas.



Brazilian pepper forests make poor homes for native wildlife.

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| K - 2 1 st Place | A one-week pass to Seaventure Summer Camp from DE-Project BEACH |
| K - 2 2 nd Place | Two museum passes & a \$50 Gift Certificate for use at the Pirates of Nassau Museum |
| K - 2 3 rd Place | Bahama Divers' Child Snorkel Kit: Child's Mask, Snorkel & Fins |
| 3-5 1 st Place | Four Tickets to snorkel with stingrays at Blackbeard's Cay |
| 3-5 2 nd Place | Two tickets for a snorkel trip on Paradise Dive Charters & a Bahama Divers' Child Snorkel Kit |
| 3-5 3 rd Place | Two tickets on a half-day sail trip on The Seahorse |
| 6-8 1 st Place | Two Tickets to ride to Exuma on Powerboat Adventures |
| 6-8 2 nd Place | Two tickets for the Submarine Adventure from Stuart Cove's |
| 6-8 3 rd Place | Two tickets on a half-day sail trip on The Flying Cloud |
| 9 -12 1 st Place | Two Tickets to ride to Exuma on Island World |
| 9 -12 2 nd Place | Two tickets for the Discover Scuba Course from Stuart Cove's |
| 9 -12 3 rd Place | Two tickets on a half-day sail trip with Barefoot Sailing |

Poster Guidelines & Entry Rules

Any posters that do not meet the following guidelines may be disqualified:

- Paper size must be standard letter-size (8.5 x 11 inches)
- Must be un-ruled & unlined
- Presentation may be horizontal or vertical
- Theme must be a saying OR full sentence WRITTEN on the front of the poster. NO SPELLING ERRORS.

- Art Materials used may be pens, pencils, colored pencils, markers, crayons, watercolors or paints
- NO charcoal, pastels, chalk, glitter, sand or paste-ons.
- Must be done freehand by the student. NO STENCILS or TRACING.
- NO firm or rigid backing.
- NO computer-generated graphics
- One poster per participant.

- Each participant must submit an application form.
- Posters must be delivered to Dolphin Encounters or mailed flat. Pick ups from schools will be made upon request.
- All entries must be received by March 31st, 2009. Send entries to:

M.E.P.C.
DE-Project BEACH
P.O. Box SS-6257
Nassau, Bahamas

New Student Prizes!

Each student that places first, second or third in their category will receive a FREE student membership to both the Bahamas National Trust and BREEF!



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Eligibility

Open to all students residing in the Bahamas within the following four contest divisions:

Kindergarten — Second Grade

Third — Fifth Grade

Sixth — Eighth Grade

Ninth — Twelfth Grade

Official Sea Tag Awards acknowledging each student's submission will be sent to all that participate.

Entry Deadline

All school entries must be submitted to DE-Project BEACH at the Paradise Island Ferry Terminal by March 31st, 2009 or postmarked by March 15th. On request, DE-Project BEACH will pick up all applicants from any school in Nassau during the month of March. Teachers MUST CALL to confirm the pick up date for their school.

Judging

A panel of judges recognized for their work in the marine environment will be assembled to view and select winners. All decisions are final. Announcement of winning contestants will be made by April 15th, 2009.

Student Awards

Each child that places in the top three slots for their grade-category will receive a reward. The location and date of the award ceremony will be announced in April.

Teacher Awards

The teacher for each of the first place winners will be awarded two passes to play for the day on Blue Lagoon Island. Tickets include lunch, transportation and choice of water sports float (noodle, mat or inner tube) for the day.

General Contest Rules

Poster content must represent the artist's own perception of the theme or slogan which MUST relate to this year's contest topic.

All posters submitted will become the property of Dolphin Encounters-Project BEACH. All rights for reproduction in all media, including print, film, and/or video are assigned to the organizers and their sponsors to use as deemed appropriate to further the goals of the contest. Posters will not be returned.

Winners' Exhibition

Posters from participants will be laminated and posted throughout the community in recognition of student efforts to help preserve the oceans on which we depend.



Like pirates, invasive species can strip the land and sea of their native treasures, leading to habitat destruction!

Any questions?

Contact Dolphin Encounters:

Phone: 242-394-2200 ext 303 or 318

Or 359-0278

Fax: 242-394-2244

Education@DolphinEncounters.com

Hand Deliver Posters To:

Dolphin Encounters

Paradise Island Ferry Terminal

Official Application: Marine Education Poster Contest 2009

THE FOLLOWING MUST BE SIGNED BY THE STUDENT AND THE TEACHER OR PARENT:

Student/Artist

School

City Island

Teacher's Name Student's Grade Level

Artist's Title for Poster

Student's Home Phone Student's Email

I have read and agree to all rules of the Dolphin Encounters-Project BEACH Marine Poster Contest and agree that my poster entry becomes the property of Dolphin Encounters-Project BEACH and its sponsors and may be displayed, published, donated or used in any way deemed appropriate to meet the goals of Project B.E.A.C.H. I certify that this poster is my original work as witnessed below by my teacher or parent.



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Artist's Signature Date

Teacher's OR Parent's Signature Date