



Water Resources Department City of Hays & KSU Big Creek Middle
Smoky Hill River Watersheds
Water Conservation & Water Quality Poster Contest

Poster contest is open to City of Hays Students, Pre-Kindergarten through 12th. Fort Hays State University Students, NCK Tech Students, & Community Adults

2023 Poster Contest Themes & Awards

Grade	Poster Theme	Awards
Pre-K-5 th Grade	“Use your Water Smarts”	Individual Grade Prizes 1 st -3 rd Places \$50, \$30, \$20
6 th -8 th		Individual Grade Prizes 1 st -3 rd Places \$50, \$30, \$20 Individual Overall Winners \$125, \$100, \$75
9 th -12 th		Individual Overall Winners 1 st -3 rd Places \$250, \$150, \$100
FHSU Students NCK Tech Students		Individual Overall Winners 1 st -3 rd Places \$250, \$150, \$100
Community Adults <i>(no professional artists)</i>		Individual Overall Winners 1 st -3 rd Places \$250, \$150, \$100
Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (IDD)		<i>Prizes awarded, please indicate IDD on the nametag on the back of the poster. NEW in 2023!</i>

Water Poster Contest Rules include:

- **“Use your Water Smarts”** must be used as the theme on the poster;
- Designed on 12 x 18 inch White poster paper;
- **HORIZONTAL DISPLAY ONLY;**
- Use of pencil, pastels, charcoal, pen, ink, markers, paint, watercolor, crayon, cut paper, 3-dimensional, or computer generated posters will be accepted;
- Name, age, grade, and teacher/professor and school will need to be written in pencil on the back of the poster in the lower left hand corner;
- Adult entries need to include name, address, and phone number on the back;
- Posters can be made by individuals and do not need to be associated with a school or classroom.

- Water Poster Contest must share **Water Conservation** or **Stormwater (Water Quality)** messages:
 - **Water Conservation simply means saving water.** Messages could show how to reduce water usage indoors, outdoors, and/or at work. Specific messages might focus on bathroom or kitchen water saving efforts, more efficient landscapes utilizing native vegetation, soil health, or organic mulch, or installing high efficiency toilets, faucet aerators, or urinals in workplaces. To learn more, visit www.watersmarthays.com
 - **Reducing the impact of Stormwater and improving Water Quality as water leaves properties (residential or business) and enter Lincoln Draw, Chetolah Draw, or Big Creek is the goal.** Messages could focus on pollutants: sediment (soil); nitrogen; phosphorus; *E.coli* bacteria; household chemicals; vehicle fluids; etc., that are harmful to water sources and tips for preventing the pollutants from leaving properties or tips on how to protect water sources. To learn more, visit www.MyKansasWatershed.com

Deadlines & Dates to Remember:

- **Posters due by Thursday, March 9th, 2023**
- Turned into school offices, City Hall, or at Public Works Department
- **Winners announced by Friday, March 31, 2023**
- **Awards Ceremony, Sternberg Museum, April 4, 2023, 6pm**

Posters will be judged as follows:

Water Theme Message -----	50%
Visual Effectiveness-----	30%
Originality -----	10%
Universal Appeal -----	10%

For questions or more information, please contact Stacie Minson, KSU - Watershed Specialist at 785-769-3297 (call or text) or sedgett@ksu.edu or Holly Dickman, City of Hays, Water Conservation Specialist at 785-628-7350 or hdickman@haysusa.com

** Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (IDD) are designed for any individual, youth, or adult, with a mental or physical disability. To participate in the IDD category, a person must be diagnosed with intellectual disabilities and/or have significant learning or vocational difficulty.*