

Farm-City Poster and Essay Contest

The Alabama Farm-City poster and essay theme for 2009 is "Farmers Care - For Animals and You." This theme encourages students to learn more about the steps farmers take to make sure they raise healthy animals and produce safe food for our families. The theme also encourages students to explore the relationship between farm and city .

Poster Rules:

- ~ Entry is open to all students K-6th grade.
- ~ Poster must be the original work of the student.
- ~ Poster must relate to theme.
- ~ The size should be horizontal with the length no greater than 28 inches and height no greater than 22 inches. It should be no smaller than 14 inches in length and 11 inches high. Standard thickness poster paper preferred.
- ~ Any flat medium can be used such as pen, pencil, crayon, watercolor, ink, oil, markers but no 3-D posters will be eligible.
- ~ Each student must complete an information form and attach it to the poster. (Form available at http://www.alfafarmers.org/pdfs/2009_poster_form.pdf).
- ~ Criteria for judging include: creativity, originality, neatness, overall appearance, and relevance to the theme.
- ~ For more details: (http://www.alfafarmers.org/farm-city/poster_contest.phtml)

Essay Rules:

- ~ Entry is open to all students 7th-12th grade.
- ~ Essay must relate to theme.
- ~ Each student must complete an information form and attach it to the essay. (Form available at http://www.alfafarmers.org/pdfs/2009_essay_form.pdf).
- ~ Criteria: Essay should be 500-1000 words, neatly typed, and double-spaced, on 8.5 x 11, white paper.
- ~ Essays will be judged on:

Content title	Mechanics	Organization
*Topic sentence	*Grammar	*Clarity
*Adherence to topic	*Punctuation	*Flow of material
*Supporting details	*Sentence Structure	*Conclusion
*Appearance	*Capitalization	
*Originality	*Spelling	
*Reader Appeal		

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*****These projects are due at the International Harvest Luncheon on Nov. 19, 2009.*****



Piggy Bank Pageant



Here is your chance to go "Hog Wild" on a piggy bank. Use your creativity to make a piggy bank with personality and save your change. Start saving today and see how fast your change adds up!!

Guidelines

- ~The bank should not exceed 12 inches x 12 inches x 12 inches (1 foot square).
- ~Piggy banks must be able to hold coins, i.e. cut slot to insert coins.
- ~Piggy banks must be created or decorated by the contestant (4-H member).
- ~Piggy banks DO have to be in the shape of a pig.
- ~Must use a plastic container to make the piggy bank.
- ~Write your name, grade, and school on the bottom of the piggy bank with permanent marker.

Make a pig with personality!!

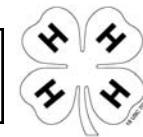
For example:

Angel Pig	Athletic Pig
Baby Piglet	CoolTeen Pig
City Slicker Pig	Farmer Pig
Glamorous Pig	Valentine Pig
Pretty Pig	Happy Hog
Serious Sow	4-H Pig

Ideas for making piggy banks...

- *Use a milk jug, juice bottle, or coke bottle.
- *Paint on polka dots, hearts, stripes, flowers or other shapes.
- *Paste on cut outs from magazines.
- *Paste on pieces of fabric or felt.
- *Paste on lace, ribbon or trim.
- *Use stickers.

This 4-H project is due on November _____, 2009.



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