



Career Exploration

4-H Poster Contest

Who can participate? All youth ages 9 –18

- 9-10 Age Division
- 11-13 Age Division
- 14-18 Age Division

When? During the months of April, May, and June 2009

Where? You can participate in your local community

Why? To investigate and learn more about a career that interests you

Theme? “Career Exploration”

How?

1. Poster must be on standard poster board and must be of uniform size 22” X 28”– other sizes are ineligible.
2. Use theme to select a career you are interested in and share it with us! For example: “*Explore Nursing.*”
3. Copyrighted materials should not be used i.e. newspaper and film cartoon characters may not be used.
4. Posters must contain only **original artwork** (hand-drawn) by the artist (cut outs from magazines /prefab or professional clipart is not allowed).
5. Keep it simple and to the point.
6. Display the poster in a prominent location in your hometown during the month of May or June. For example: local library, grocery store, school, or extension office.
7. Complete a contest entry form and tape/paste it on the back of your poster.

Scoring Guidelines?

- Originality – attracts attention, holds interest 30 points
- Follows career theme 30 points
- Conveys message – easily understood 15 points
- Accurate information – factual 15 points
- General appearance – well planned, good design, easy to read 10 points

Winners?

The top two posters in each age division from each participating county will move onto district competition. District competition will be held during the six 4-H District Activity Days with the top poster in each age division at each of the district level events competing for state awards. The state competition will be held in July during 4-H Congress. All State level entries will be displayed on Tuesday, July 21, 2009 at NC 4-H Congress.

Prizes?

- Every entry will receive a participation certificate.
- County Winners: in each age divisions receive a certificate.
- District Winners: in each age division will receive a District Award Ribbon.
- State Winners: in each age division will receive a State Award Ribbon and \$25 cash prize.

More Information?

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Entry Form

To be placed on the back of the poster

Participants Name: _____

Mailing Address:

County: _____

Age Division: _____ **9-10** _____ **11-13** _____ **14-18**

List where the poster was displayed locally: _____