

Substance Abuse Poster Contest

California State Level

Contest Runs September through middle of January

I am the California State Substance Abuse Poster Chairman. This year there are new changes to the Substance Abuse Poster program. You will NO longer be able to get the SA-Kit from Supreme since they are no longer supporting this program at the Supreme level.

The good news is, that California Knights of Columbus Council are still concerned about the drug and alcohol abuse problem and will continue to support this program. The SA Poster program will remain the same except there will no longer be a Supreme Level of competition. The old SA kit has been reformatted and you can now download this electronically. To receive a kit, please email me at pineschibob@yahoo.com, see the California State website or see below for Entry, Rules and Participation forms. Please use these new forms in this kit for your competition.

This contest is open to all youth from 8 – 14 years old from your community. They are asked to design and create posters that communicate a message of sobriety and the dangers of substance abuse. Their efforts are submitted to local councils for judging. The winners from each Council will go up to the Chapter level competition. The Chapter winners will progress to the State Council's Community Activities Program. Prizes are awarded along the way to winning entries. Winning posters become the property of the Knights of Columbus.

Eligibility Requirements:

Contestants will complete in two age groups for purposes of judging: (**Age as of January 1st**)

Age 8 through 11

Age 12 through 14

Poster Topics:

Entries in the Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest fall under only one of two topics:

Alcohol Awareness and Abuse

Drug Awareness and Abuse

Entrant can only enter in **one of the categories**.

Judging Criteria:

Teams of young people, Knights, teachers, administrators, students, substance abuse counselors and law enforcement officials should be involved in judging the posters. In keeping with the theme of giving young people the opportunity to develop their own solutions to the challenges they face, it is particularly important to involve young people in the process. **The criteria for scoring posters are listed below and must be written on the Poster Entry form:**

Criteria Description Point Range

Slogan- How clearly is the theme presented? 1 to 30

Visuals- How well do the visuals convey the message? 1 to 30

Overall Impact- How effective is the poster in capturing your attention and causing you to reflect on the topic? 1 to 40

Awards:

The local Council, Chapter, and State Council will determine monetary or other prizes for participation. Winner and participant certificates should be awarded. **You can download these certificates and the Substance Abuse packet in the folder at the California State Website under forms.**

Timeline:

Contest can start as early as September and run to middle of January. After your competition, Send a copy of the Participation form to the California State Poster Chairman.

Additional questions should be directed to the Chapter or State Chairman. Local competition for the Poster Contest is under the authority of the Council Program Chairman or Council Youth Chairman. Subsequent competition will be under the authority of the State Poster Chairman and State Community Activity Chairman

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Sample Letter to Schools/CCD programs (Send on Council Letterhead)

<Date>

< Name>

<School>

<Address>

< City, State, Zip>

Dear <Salutation><Name>:

<Council Name><Council Number> of the Knights of Columbus together with the California State Council is again sponsoring a **Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest** open to all boys and girls ages 8 through 14. We would like to encourage your school to participate. The rules are as follows:

1. Contestants will compete in two age groups for purposes of judging:
 Ages 8 through 11
 Ages 12 through 14
2. Posters must reflect either the theme of Alcohol Awareness and Abuse **OR** Drug Awareness and Abuse.
3. Each poster should be the original work (including concept, layout, slogan and any visual images) of a single person.
4. Posters must be 11 x 17 inches in size. If pastels, chalk, or charcoal are used, the poster must be laminated or covered with clear plastic. Posters may be in color or black and white.
5. Each poster must be submitted with a Knights of Columbus Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest Entry Form. The name and age of the person entering the poster should be included on the back of the poster.
6. All entries become the property of the Knights of Columbus.

The top three posters in each group from your school should be sent to <Poster Contest Chairman> of Council <Council Number> at the above address. All entries must be postmarked by <date>. Judging will be based on Slogan, Visuals, and Overall Impact. The first place winner within each group will win a monetary or other prize. The top ranked poster will then be entered into the <Chapter Name> poster contest for further consideration and prizes.

We hope that you will encourage your students to participate. If you have any questions regarding this contest, feel free to contact me at <Chairman's Phone Number>.

[Best of luck to your students!](#)

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<p><u>Deadlines for each Level</u></p> <p><u>These should be judged and sent to the next level by</u></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">Council Level</td> <td>January 25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chapter Level</td> <td>March 1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>State</td> <td>March 15</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>State judging must be completed before March 25th and results given to California Awards Chairman by April 1st.</u></p>	Council Level	January 25	Chapter Level	March 1	State	March 15	<p><u>Judging</u></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">Slogan points</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1-30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Visuals points</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1-30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Overall Impact</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1-40</td> </tr> </table>	Slogan points	1-30	Visuals points	1-30	Overall Impact	1-40
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<p><u>Information on Poster Entry Forms</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Needs 3 Signatures- Contestant, Parent or Guardian and Witness (Knight) 2. Check age as of January 1, 2019 3. Home address and phone (only) NO School address and phone 4. Council # is needed 5. Age Group 8-11 OR 12-14 6. One Theme 7. Contestant can only compete in ONE Category. Alcohol OR Drug Awareness <p>** Send a copy of your Participation form to State Chairman at the end of your competition.</p>	<p><u>Judging Deductions</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Poster NOT 11 x 17 inches 2. More than one Theme 3. Computer generated pictures Must be entrant's own work/pictures 4. In wrong age group 5. NO entry form attached 6. If charcoal or pastels, needs to be laminated 7. Posters NOT received by due date 8. Multiple students creating one poster 												

Check out the Posters at the 2020 State Convention. Any questions, Please contact Bob Pineschi, K of C California State Poster Chairman pineschibob@yahoo.com or 916 645-8366



California Knights of Columbus

Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest Entry Form

THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY ENTRANT

Council No _____

I wish to enter the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SUBSTANCE ABUSE AWARENESS POSTER CONTEST in the age division and theme checked below. I realize that my entry becomes the property of the Knights of Columbus State Council.

Age 8-11 Division

Age 12-14 Division

Alcohol Awareness and Abuse

Drug Awareness and Abuse

Name of entrant _____ Date of Birth _____

Home Address (do not put School address in here) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email address _____ Phone Number _____

Signature of Entrant _____

THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/ GUARDIAN

The undersigned hereby request and approve the entrant's registration and participation in the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SUBSTANCE ABUSE AWARENESS POSTER CONTEST. In consideration of such registration and participation the undersigned hereby agree to hold the Knights of Columbus Council and any of its subordinate units and their officers, members, agents and employees blameless and without liability, and hereby agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless all pf the above mentioned from any and all claims and expenses resulting from or relating to entrant's said participation.

The entrant may complete in only one Council-level contest.

Entries become the property of the Knights of Columbus Council which retains exclusive rights to use said images in future promotional materials, which creative credit given to the artist.

Witness _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Date _____

Score Sheet

This section to be completed by K of C Officials

Competition Level	Slogan 30 points	Artistic Merit 30 points	Overall Impact 40 points
Council Total			
Chapter Level Total			
State Level Total			

Rules

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Posters must be 11X17 inches in size. If pastels, chalk or charcoal are used the poster must be laminated or covered with clear plastic. Posters may be in color or black and white.

Each poster must be submitted with a Knights of Columbus California State Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest entry form. The name and age of the person entering the poster should be included on the back of the poster.

All entries become the property of the Knights of Columbus State Council. Poster will not be returned.

Judging:

Judging should be done by teams composed of young people, Knights, teachers, administrators, students, substance abuse counselors and law enforcement officials. In keeping with the theme of giving young people the opportunity to develop their own solutions to the challenges they face, it's particularly important to involve young people in all phases of the judging process.

A 100-point scoring system will be used to determine the winners.

- 30 Points: Slogan-How clearly is the theme presented?
- 30 Points: Visuals- How well do the visuals convey the message?
- 40 Points: Overall Impact- How effective was the poster in capturing your attention and causing you to reflect on the topic?



California State Substance Abuse Participation Form

Due by: January 31

PLEASE INDICATE THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN YOUR COUNCIL CONTEST.

Age Groups	8-11	12-14	Total
Alcohol Abuse			
Drug Abuse			
Total			

Contest Participation Report Form: Immediately following the local council contest the grand knight should complete and submit the Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest Participation form to the California State Poster Chairman. This form provides the State Council office with valuable participation statistics as well as feedback about the program in general.

Personal comments or observations concerning the Knight of Columbus Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest.

Signed: _____

Council Number: _____

Grand Knight

City/Town _____

Send a copy of this form to the California State Poster Chairman and California State Community Activities Director