

February 13, 2008

Dear,

Attached please find the information about the Illustrated Haiku Contest that the American Chemical Society is sponsoring to help celebrate Earth Day 2008.

We are hoping some of your students will be interested in participating. There are four grade levels, so we hope that your school will have entries in as many categories as is appropriate. The categories are: K – 2nd Grade, 3rd – 4th Grade, 5th – 8th Grade and 9th – 12th Grade.

The deadline for submission to our local section is **Wednesday, March 26, 2008**. There is **no limit** to the number of students who can submit an entry.

Entries should be mailed to Dr. Ron Briggs at ASU.

Ron's address is:

Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry
Arizona State University
P.O. Box 871604
Tempe, Arizona 85287-1604.

Please be sure the box or envelop clearly states: Re: ACS Earth Day Contest.

We will be offering a **First prize of \$50.00** and a **Second Prize of \$25.00** in each grade category. Plus the two local winners in each grade category will be entered into the **National ACS Contest with 1st and 2nd level prizes of \$200.00 and \$100.00, respectively.**

Questions? Let me know.

Regina M. Miskewitz

Chair-Elect, Central Arizona Section
Coordinator – Earth Day 2008



Chemists Celebrate Earth Day: “Streaming Chemistry” Illustrated Haiku Contest

As part of their Chemists Celebrate Earth Day celebration, the American Chemical Society (ACS) is sponsoring an illustrated haiku contest for students in grades Kindergarten-12.

A haiku is a three-line poem with five syllables in the first line, seven in the second, and five in the third. Haikus typically have nature-related themes and do not rhyme, as in the example below.

*Submerged rocks stare back
through the glistening water
streaming clean and clear.*



Possible topics related to streams and chemistry include:

- ⌘ Water flowing in rivers, creeks, streams, or over dams.
- ⌘ Adopt a Stream – keeping streams and rivers beautiful.
- ⌘ Hydroelectric power – energy from falling water.
- ⌘ Environmental chemistry –keeping water clean.
- ⌘ Green chemistry – water purification.
- ⌘ Conservation of water a limited and valuable resource.
- ⌘ Properties of water - boiling point, freezing point, density, heat capacity, pH, salinity, turbidity, conductivity.
- ⌘ Phases – solid (ice), liquid, gas (water vapor or steam).
- ⌘ Chemical changes – hydrolysis of water.

Winners will be selected in each of the following categories:

- K – 2nd grade
- 3rd – 5th grade
- 6th – 8th grade
- 9th – 12th grade

National Prizes:

- 1st Place in each grade category – \$200
- 2nd Place in each grade category – \$100

For more information about contests in your area, contact the American Chemical Society Office of Community Activities at 800-227-5558, x4458 or earthday@acs.org.

Chemists Celebrate Earth Day Illustrated Haiku Contest

ACS Local Sections are encouraged to participate in the Chemists Celebrate Earth Day (CCED) illustrated haiku contest by inviting area Kindergarten – 12th grade students to compete.

Contest Rules

- Poems must conform to the haiku style. Students in grades K-2 may be more free with their syllables; however, no poem may be longer than 25 words.
- The topic of the haiku and the illustration must be related to the CCED theme, “Streaming Chemistry” and should reflect some aspect of water science from the possible topics listed, including the responsible use and care for this limited and valuable resource.
- All entries must be original works without aid from others.
- Each poem must be submitted and illustrated on an unlined 8.5” x 11” sheet of paper (of any type). The illustration must be created by hand using crayons, watercolors, other types of paint, colored pencils or markers. The text of the poem should be easy to read and may be printed with a computer, before the hand-drawn illustration is added, or the poem may be written on lined paper which is cut out and pasted onto the unlined paper with the illustration.
- Only one entry per student will be accepted.
- All entries must have the following information included with the entry: student’s name, grade, home address, telephone number, school name, school address, teacher’s name, email, and school telephone number (both addresses are used for sending prizes; please provide complete information).
- All illustrated haikus and/or digital representations of the haikus become the property of the American Chemical Society.
- Acceptance of prizes constitutes consent to use winners’ names, likenesses and entries for editorial, advertising and publicity purposes.

Coordinator Information

- ACS CCED Coordinators determine how many entries per school will be accepted into the local contest.
- ACS CCED coordinators will identify and submit a maximum of one winning entry in each of the four (4) grade categories to the national contest (entries from areas not covered by any ACS Local Section’s territory will be handled on a case-by-case basis).
- When coordinators submit entries to the national contest, the following information must also be included with each entry: local section name, coordinator name and email address.
- National contest entries must be *received* by the ACS in Washington, DC by Friday, April 11, 2008. National winners will be announced on or before April 22, 2008.
- ACS is not responsible for lost, damaged, or delayed postal shipments and electronic submission is encouraged.

Entries will be judged based upon:

- Relevance to and incorporation of “Streaming Chemistry” theme
- Word choice and imagery
- Colorful artwork
- Adherence to haiku style
- Originality and creativity
- Overall presentation