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Maricopa County Stormwater Pollution Poster Contest
“Help Sam Make Clean Storm Drains Happen”



In the Phoenix area, stormwater runoff is carried by curbs or gutters into storm drains. Storm drains are separate from the sanitary sewer and **DO NOT** lead to a treatment plant. Stormwater runoff and any pollutants that are picked up are discharged into our washes, rivers, and lakes without being treated.

To help spread awareness about stormwater pollution, the **Maricopa County Environmental Services Stormwater Quality Program**, with the support of the **Arizona State Parks, Children’s Museum of Phoenix, Desert Botanical Gardens, Maricopa County Library District, Maricopa County Parks and Recreation, and Wildlife World Zoo and Aquarium** is conducting **the seventh annual** Maricopa County Stormwater poster contest.

The poster contest is open to any 3rd-6th grade student in Maricopa County. Students and teachers are encouraged to visit our website, <http://www.maricopa.gov/EnvSvc/QC/StormWater/Education.aspx> to learn more about stormwater pollution and for ideas to create and submit posters supporting the theme: **“Help Sam Make Clean Storm Drains Happen”**

CONTEST RULES

Who Can Enter? 3rd-4th and 5th-6th grade students in Maricopa County

How to Enter? Send submissions to:
Maricopa County Environmental Services Department
Stormwater Quality Program “Poster Contest”
1001 N Central Ave, Ste 301
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When to Enter? All entries must be postmarked by **March 25, 2016**

Other Requirements:

- Poster size should be no larger than 8 ½” x 11”
- Artwork must be original (do not include brand names); any art medium is acceptable
- Poster must use the theme **“Help Sam Make Clean Storm Drains Happen”** and include a brief message and/or picture that support this theme. Image should be large enough to be easily seen and understood. Posters will be judged on originality, artwork, and message delivery. Visit our website, www.maricopa.gov/stormwater for poster ideas.
- Entries must have a 4” x 6” index card firmly attached to the back of the poster with the following information: **Student Name, Grade, Teacher’s Name, School Name, Address and Phone Number.**

• *By submitting artwork, the artist grants Maricopa County the permission to reproduce and display his/her artwork for use in the County's Stormwater Program. The winners in each category and other entries may be featured in the Stormwater Quality Program Calendar. Entries will not be returned.*

Prizes: Grand Prize (one for each category – 3rd/4th grade & 5th/6th grade):

- Guest passes to the Wildlife World Zoo and Aquarium
- Guest passes to Arizona State Parks
- Guest passes to the Children's Museum of Phoenix
- Guest passes to the Desert Botanical Gardens
- Guest passes to Maricopa County Parks
- Books and other prizes from the Maricopa County Library District
- Artwork displayed on the County's website and at County buildings
- Special Awards Presentation by County Leadership

Second Prize (one for each category – 3rd/4th grade & 5th/6th grade):

- Guest passes to the Wildlife World Zoo and Aquarium
- Guest passes to the Children's Museum of Phoenix
- Guest passes to Arizona State Parks
- Books and other prizes from the Maricopa County Library District
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Third Prize (one for each category – 3rd/4th grade & 5th/6th grade):

- Guest passes to the Wildlife World Zoo and Aquarium
- Guest passes to Arizona State Parks
- Books and other prizes from the Maricopa County Library District
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Official contest rules can also be found on our website –
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