



IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

BOATING PROGRAM POSTER CONTEST

The Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation is pleased to announce the Idaho Boating Programs 5th Annual “Wear It” Poster Contest. This contest will be directed toward all of Idaho’s 4th grade, 5th grade and 6th grade students.

Why Participate?

It’s too hot! It doesn’t look cool. I know how to swim. Nothing is going to happen to me. These are just some of the many reasons people claim they do not wear their life jackets. But with approximately 700 people drowning each year from recreational boating accidents, it is imperative for you to wear your life jacket at all times while you are on the water. Much like a helmet to a biker or skate boarder, life jackets are an essential part of your boating safety equipment and should be worn at all times while on the water. The Idaho Boating Program believes safety lessons learned and practiced at an early age serve to protect individuals throughout life; therefore, the primary goal of this contest is to teach students to wear their life jacket and be safe when near or in the water.

Submission Requirements

The contest theme is “Wear It.” Entries must be original and should depict safe boating and the use of life jackets.

The back of each entry must *clearly* list the student’s name, school name, and teacher’s name. Omission of this information will disqualify an entry.

An entry form must accompany each set of entries. All information requested on the form is important, so please make sure it is accurate. An incomplete or unsigned entry form will disqualify the set of entries. (Photocopied entry forms are acceptable).

All entries become the exclusive property of the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation Boating Program. The Department has the right to display or otherwise use the submissions and modify any poster for future reproduction. Suggestion: you might want to take pictures of

the artwork prior to submission. **The poster entries cannot be returned.** If students include written messages in their artwork, encourage them to use clear, bold letters.

Size and Materials

Pictures must be no smaller than 8 1/2" x 11" and no larger than 16" x 20". White paper for background is preferable. Students may use construction paper, plain bond paper, drawing paper, or art board. Crayons, felt pens, colored chalks, paints, water colors and grease pencils may be used. Artwork is not limited to these materials, so encourage student creativity.

Awards

Awards will be presented in three regions: North, South and East. The winners of each region will be entered in the state competition. Once a winner is selected, their poster will represent the state throughout the year. Winning entries will be displayed in a "Parade of Posters" during the National Boat Safety Week (held in mid-May each year) and posted on the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation's website. Each region winner will receive a tee-shirt and life jacket. The state winner chosen among the three region winners, will receive a tee-shirt and an education savings bond.

The classmates of each winner also win! Each student (who also enters the contest) in the winner's class will receive a magic mood pencil and safety balloons.

The winner's teacher is not forgotten either! A gift certificate for educational classroom materials will be awarded to the teacher.

Teachers

We are delighted to have your students participate in the 5th Annual "Wear It" poster contest. We will supply you with additional skills and knowledge that you may consider presenting in your lesson plan. You can also call upon your community Marine Deputies to help teach boating safety. For additional information, please contact: Kim Jackson, Boat Education Safety Coordinator, kim.jackson@idpr.idaho.gov, (208)514-2417

Contest Deadline

The deadline for receiving entries is **April 16, 2012**. Entries must be mailed or delivered to:

"Wear It" Poster Contest, Attn: Kim Jackson, 5657 Warm Springs Avenue, Boise, Idaho 83716.

If you have, any questions about the poster contest please email Kim Jackson at kim.jackson@idpr.idaho.gov or call (208)514-2417.

