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Clean Air Art Contest for Area Students Announced

Solicitation for original pre-K—12 artwork depicting actions our community can take to improve the air we breathe

Winchester, VA—Blue skies and clean air are Valley hallmarks—together, we can help keep it that way!

Valley AIRNow, in collaboration with Executive Protection Systems and the Northern Virginia Petroleum Association*, is inviting local young artists to celebrate Thanksgiving and clean air in the first annual *Thankful for Clean Air* art contest. Participating artists should address the theme “What **YOU** can do to protect the air that **WE** breathe!” Examples include carpooling, refueling in the evening, checking tire pressure, keeping your car properly maintained, and reducing vehicle idling. For more artwork ideas, interested individuals are encouraged to visit the Valley AIRNow website at www.valleyairnow.com.

A total of 12 pieces of artwork with clean air themes by pre-K—12 students in the Northern Shenandoah Valley area, will be awarded \$1,000 worth of prizes provided by the partners listed below. Shenandoah University’s Organization of Arts Management Students (OAMS) will select three winners from the following age groups: pre-K (includes daycare children), elementary, middle, and high school. Prizes for each age group are as follows:

- *Gold*: A bicycle to promote alternative modes of transportation (generously donated by Executive Protection Systems)
- *Silver*: An all-inclusive art set, plus additional supplies (generously donated by the Northern Virginia Petroleum Association*)
- *Bronze*: A young artist’s gift basket (generously donated by the Northern Virginia Petroleum Association*)



* Refer to list of participating individual members

A wide variety of mediums will be accepted including color drawings, paintings, photography, and digital artwork. All paper submissions must be postmarked no later than November 31, 2007 and mailed to:

Valley AIRNow - James Madison University
CS/ISAT Building, MSC 4102
Harrisonburg, VA 22807

Digital artwork and photography may be submitted via email to info@valleyairnow.com. For a complete list of contest specifications, visit www.valleyairnow.com/artcontest.htm.

For additional questions on the *Thankful for Clean Air* art contest, please contact Tiffany Tumer, Valley AIRNow Outreach Coordinator at info@valleyairnow.com or (540) 560-3466. So what are you waiting for? Be thankful for clean air, be creative and start drawing!

Contest Sponsors:

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