Calling all 5th Graders!



2012 Winning Entry

"The reason why I created my poster is because, I want missing children to know that someone would put effort and time to send a message for them, and for the missing children to know, that someone out there really cares that they're missing! My poster, as you can see, has the Statue of Liberty on it with a child in her arms because the Statue of Liberty stands strong for the law which protects the children of America. Also on my poster there is the United States with the flag on it and in the flag where the starts are supposed to be, there are stick figures of the abducted children of the U.S. Plus the buildings are very bright because the children bring light to the States of America."

Contest Dates:

August, 2012 Contest Kick-Off

January 13, 2013 AMBER Alert Awareness Day

March 20, 2013 National contest deadline

April, 2013 National winner notified

Please contact your state manager for more details regarding your state contest deadlines. Please join us:

Participate in the

U.S. Department of Justice's

2013 National Missing Children's Day Poster Contest!

-Elisa M., 2012 National Winner

2013 National Missing Children's Day

"In all activities, I take every opportunity to look for ways to bring awareness to the Missing Children's initiative, as well as all safety issues. My mom taught me that the lives we touch are what living is about. I hope through winning this contest and the other things I'm involved with, that I've touched many lives and made a difference!"

-Rachel Stevenson, 2007 National Winner

How to Participate:

1. Retrieve contest information at: http://mecptraining.org/postercontest/

2. Contact your state contest manager regarding state contest deadlines and rules. You may find this information online at: http://mecptraining.org/postercontest/

3. Submit ONE poster along with the completed application to your state manager.

Poster Contest



2011 Winning Entry

"I wanted to use the bald eagle as the center piece of my poster because it's our national symbol of strength, courage, and freedom. It's watching over our missing children, its wings are outstretched to protect them, and it's clutching a banner that is serving as an 'Amber Alert.' The children holding hands have been found and are making their way back home. I was inspired to create this poster by my mother, who has been a crime victim. Since I was very young, she has taught me, my family, and other little children ways to stay safe."

-Julianna H., 2011 National Winner

Contest Rules:

- Applicant must be in the 5th grade.
- The phrase **"Bring Our Missing Children Home"** must appear on the poster.
- Poster must measure 8 ¹/₂ x 14 inches.
- The poster must be submitted with the completed application.

"Winning the 2009 National Missing Children's Poster Contest was a huge honor and privilege. When my mom told me about the poster contest I was excited to represent Wyoming and help be part of a group of people who are about bringing home our missing children. However, I didn't imagine I would actually win the national contest and would be going to Washington DC!

I was thrilled about going to Washington DC and had an amazing time there; it was truly a great experience for me and my family as we learned about the history of our nation. A number of people were introduced to me, Congresswoman Lummis, and the Assistant Attorney General of the United States."

–Dahkota-Rae Brown, 2009 National Winner