



Marine Education Poster Contest 2011

Sponsored by Blue Lagoon Island & Marine Vendors from Nassau

Dolphin Encounters-Project BEACH

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Here Today...Gone Tomorrow?

Endangered Wildlife in the Bahamas

What do the Dodo bird, Stellar's sea cow, Passenger Pigeon, and the Bajii River Dolphin have in common? Well they are all now extinct, gone forever from our planet! When you think of an endangered or extinct animal, dinosaurs and giant mastodons may come to mind but, believe it or not, many animals are at risk of extinction right here in our Bahamaland. In this year's poster contest, we will explore the wild natural history of the Bahama Parrot, West-Indian Whistling Duck & the mysterious Bahama Boa. We'll find out why these animals are so few and how to protect them for the next generation.

Learn more about these unique animals and the challenges they face from the MEPC 2011 Info Sheet and express your feelings through art in the Marine Education Poster Contest 2011. As a bonus, DE staff will present a FREE Marine Assembly Program at your school to introduce you to the topic Here Today... Gone Tomorrow!

For more information, contact our education staff at (359-0278) or email us at education@dolphinencounters.com.



Bahama Parrot



W.I. Whistling Duck



Bahama Boa



Contest Deadline:
April 8th, 2011

Here are some
of the great
prizes for this
year's winners!

Seaventure Summer Camp
at Dolphin Encounters

Museum Passes
& Gift Certificate at the
Pirates of Nassau Museum

Sea Lion Encounters
at Dolphin Encounters

Beach Day Packages
at Blue Lagoon Island

Swim with the dolphins
at Dolphin Encounters

Snorkel Adventure
at Stuart's Cove

New Student Prizes!

Each student that places first, second or third in their category will receive a FREE student membership to both the Bahamas National Trust and BREEF!

Poster Guidelines & Entry Rules

Any posters that do not meet the following guidelines may be disqualified:

- Paper size must be standard letter-size (8.5 x 11 inches)
- Must be un-ruled & unlined
- Presentation may be horizontal or vertical
- Theme must be a saying OR full sentence WRITTEN on the front of the poster. NO SPELLING ERRORS.
- Art Materials used may be pens, pencils, colored pencils, markers, crayons, watercolors or paints
- NO charcoal, pastels, chalk, glitter, sand or paste-ons.
- Must be done freehand by the student. NO STENCILS or TRACING.
- NO firm or rigid backing.
- NO computer-generated graphics
- One poster per participant.
- Each participant must submit an application form.
- Posters must be delivered to Dolphin Encounters or mailed flat. Pick ups from schools will be made upon request.
- All entries must be received by April 8th, 2011. Send entries to:

M.E.P.C.
DE-Project BEACH
P.O. Box SS-6257
Nassau, Bahamas



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Eligibility

Open to all students residing in the Bahamas within the following four contest divisions:

Kindergarten — Second Grade

Third — Fifth Grade

Sixth — Eighth Grade

Ninth — Twelfth Grade

Official Sea Tag Awards acknowledging each student's submission will be sent to all that participate at their respective schools.

Entry Deadline

All school entries must be submitted to DE-Project BEACH at the Paradise Island Ferry Terminal by April 8th or postmarked by April 1st, 2011. On request, DE-Project BEACH will pick up all applicants from any school in Nassau during the month of March or April. Teachers MUST CALL to confirm the pick up date for their school.

Judging

A panel of judges recognized for their work in the marine environment will be assembled to view and select winners. All decisions are final. Announcement of winning contestants will be made in May 2011.

Student Awards

Each child that places in the top three slots for their grade-category will receive a reward. The location and date of the award ceremony will be announced in April 2011.

Teacher Awards

The teacher for each of the first place winners will be awarded two passes to relax for the day on Blue Lagoon Island. Tickets include lunch, transportation and choice of water sports float (noodle, mat or inner tube) for the day.

General Contest Rules

Poster content must represent the artist's own perception of the theme or slogan which MUST relate to this year's contest topic.

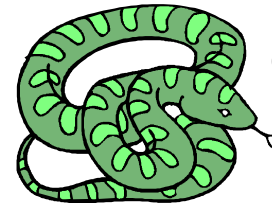
All posters submitted will become the property of Dolphin Encounters-Project BEACH. All rights for reproduction in all media, including print, film, and/or video are assigned to the organizers and their sponsors to use as deemed appropriate to further the goals of the contest. Posters will not be returned.

Winners' Exhibition

Posters from participants will be laminated and posted throughout the community in recognition of student efforts to help preserve the oceans on which we depend.



Trash and deforestation have a huge impact on wildlife, especially those that are already endangered in the Bahamas.



Any questions?

Phone: 242-394-2200 ext 303

Or 359-0278

Fax: 242-394-2244

Education@DolphinEncounters.com

Hand Deliver Posters To:

**Dolphin Encounters
Paradise Island Ferry Terminal**

Official Application: Marine Education Poster Contest 2011

THE FOLLOWING MUST BE SIGNED BY THE STUDENT AND THE TEACHER OR PARENT:

I have read and agree to all rules of the Dolphin Encounters-Project BEACH Marine Poster Contest and agree that my poster entry becomes the property of Dolphin Encounters-Project BEACH and its sponsors and may be displayed, published, donated or used in any way deemed appropriate to meet the goals of Project B.E.A.C.H. I certify that this poster is my original work as witnessed below by my teacher or parent.



DOLPHIN ENCOUNTERS

Student/Artist

School

City Island

Teacher's Name Student's Grade Level

Artist's Title for Poster

Student's Home Phone Student's Email

Artist's Signature Date

Teacher's OR Parent's Signature Date

