# **Marine Education Poster Contest 2018**

Sponsored by Blue Lagoon Island & Dolphin Encounters

#### Dolphin Encounters-Project BEACH

# A Whale of a Choice!

The Bahamas shares its waters with a diverse number of marine mammal species that enjoy our beautiful seas. However, these incredible animals face daily challenges that make life in the ocean much harder and often dangerous.



Pollution from human-caused noise and marine debris are just a few problems that we need to understand and prevent.

Studies of marine mammals in the wild and under human care provide valuable research to understand these animals as well as provide emergency stranding and rescue response.

Learn more about the unique challenges the marine mammals face and inspire Bahamians to make a whale of a choice through your ocean art!

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Coming soon from BMMRO to local schools!

#### **MEPC 2018 Prizes:**

Seaventure Summer Camp at Dolphin Encounters

Stingray Encounter & Snorkel from Dolphin Encounters

> Sea Lion Encounter at Dolphin Encounters

Beach Day Package at Blue Lagoon Island

Swim with the Dolphins at Dolphin Encounters

Snorkel Adventure at Blue Lagoon Island

Segway Safari at Blue Lagoon Island

#### **New Student Prizes!**

Each student who submits completed artwork will receive a Sea Tag Award—unique to each year's competition!

# 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 school s will be made upon request.
- All entries must be received by March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018. Send entries to:

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

CONTEST DEADLINE: MARCH 23<sup>RD</sup>,2018

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# **Contest Guidelines & Entry Rules Continued...**

## **Eligibility**

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

Kindergarten—Second Grade

Third Grade—Fifth Grade

Sixth Grade—Eighth Grade

Ninth Grade— Twelfth Grade

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

#### **Entry Deadline**

All school entries must be submitted to Dolphin Encounters at the Paradise Island Ferry Terminal—ticket window or second floor offices— by March 23rd, 2018 or postmarked by March 15th. On request, DE-Project BEACH will pick up all applicants from any school in Nassau during the month of March. Teachers **MUST CALL** to confirm a pick up date.

## <u>Judging</u>

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 by April 13th, 2018.

### 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.

#### **Teacher Awards**

The teacher for each of the first place winners will be awarded two passes to the exclusive **VIP Beach Day Experience**. Enjoy private access to this adult-only beach with elevated service that includes a beach ambassador, lounge chair and umbrella, and grilled lunch buffet.

### **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.

#### Bahamas Marine Mammal Research Organization:





Student listening to boat and animal noise recordings

#### BMMRO performs a necropsy on a deceased beached dolphin

#### Any questions?

Contact Dolphin Encounters: Phone: 242-363-7180 ext 303

Or 359-0278

Education@DolphinEncounters.com

Hand Deliver Posters To:

Dolphin Encounters Paradise Island

# **Official Application: Marine Education Poster Contest 2018**

THE FOLLOWING MUST BE SIGNED BY THE STUDENT

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		AND THE TEACHER OR PARENT:	OJE
Student/Artist		<ul> <li>I have read and agree to all rules of the Dolphin</li> <li>Encounters-Project BEACH Marine Poster Contest and</li> </ul>	
School		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	
City	Island	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
Teacher's Name	Student's Grade Level		
Artist's Title for Poster		Artist's Signature	Date
Student's Home Phone	Student's Email	Teacher's OR Parent's Signature	Date