

Marine Education Poster Contest 2017

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Dolphin Encounters-Project BEACH

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Hammer Time... Protecting Our Sharks!



There are nearly 500 species of sharks in the world. They inhabit virtually all aquatic environments — from freshwater lakes and to the deepest oceans — and range in size from just a few inches to over 40 feet!

While sharks are often feared as “man-eaters,” the truth is that humans pose a far greater danger to sharks than they pose to us. Do you worry about being struck by lightning? Probably not! So you shouldn’t worry much about being bitten by a shark. In your lifetime, you are 50 times more likely to be struck by lightning than you are to ever be bitten by a shark.

Threats to shark populations include overfishing, by-catch as a result of fishing operations, and habitat degradation. One big problem: the negative public image of sharks can be quite a challenge to conservation efforts.

Sharks are slow-growing animals that reach maturity only after several years and produce few young. When shark populations become depleted, they may take decades to recover. Most of the modern-day shark families lived over 100 million years ago, when dinosaurs roamed the earth.

In recent decades, many shark populations worldwide have suffered severe declines due to overfishing. Today they are sought for their meat, fins, oil, teeth, hides and even their cartilaginous skeletons.

Learn more about this unique animal and the challenges it faces from the MEPC 2017 Info Sheet and express your feelings through art in the Marine Education Poster Contest 2017. Call for a FREE Marine Assembly Program at your school to introduce you to the marine topic “Hammer Time...Protecting Our Sharks!”



Contest Deadline:

March 17th, 2017

Here are some of the great prizes for this year’s contest!

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!

Contest Guidelines & Entry Rules

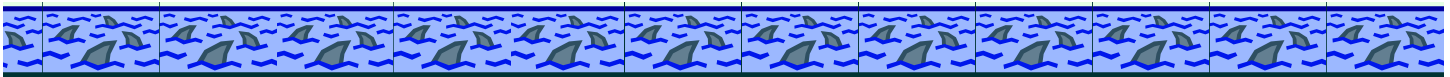
Any posters that do not meet the following guidelines may be disqualified:

- 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 or mailboats will be made upon request.
- All entries must be received by March 17th, 2017. 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 March 20th or postmarked by March 17th, 2017. On request, DE-Project BEACH will pick up all applicants from any school in Nassau OR a mailboat by March 20th. 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 on April 1st, 2017.

Student Awards

Each child that places in the top three slots for their grade-category will receive a reward. Award ceremony will be held at Dolphin Encounters—date in April to be announced.

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, inflatable park access and your 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 scanned and posted throughout the community in recognition of student efforts to help preserve the oceans on which we depend.



Humans pose a far greater threat to sharks than they pose to us.



Each shark is worth \$250,000 ALIVE on the reef for tourism!

Any questions?

Phone: 242-363-7180 ext 338 or 303

Or 359-0278

Education@DolphinEncounters.com

Hand Deliver Posters To:

Dolphin Encounters
Paradise Island Ferry Terminal

Official Application: Marine Education Poster Contest

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 _____ Grade Level _____

City _____ Island _____

Teacher's Name _____

Teacher's Phone Contact & Email _____

Artist's Signature _____ Date _____

Title for Poster _____ Student's Home Phone _____

Teacher's OR Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

