

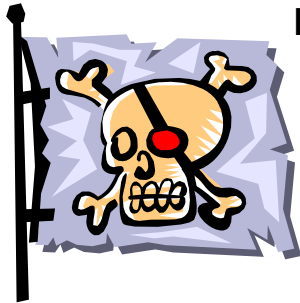


Marine Education Poster Contest 2020

Sponsored by Blue Lagoon Island & Dolphin Encounters

The Pirates of the Caribbean:

Invasive Species in The Bahamas



There is a silent war going on in The Bahamas, one that leaves countless animals and plants dead and others homeless. This war has been waging for decades and now new invaders are joining the fight to take over our beautiful Bahamaland, looking to steal precious land, water and resources from us.

These fearsome pirate-like invaders -- called **Invasive Species** -- quickly establish themselves as the dominant species and can destroy our native ecosystems, human health, and

ultimately all native life within The Bahamas. If we are not pro-active, these environmental buccaneers could steal more than just a few acres of land or sea!

Express your concerns about invasive species through creative art in this year's **Marine Education Poster Contest 2020**. Show the problem that we have created and your solutions!

SPECIAL EXTENSION:
Contest Deadline
June 1st, 2020

BLUE LAGOON ISLAND
BAHAMAS
HOME OF DOLPHIN ENCOUNTERS

National Prizes:

- NEW Shark Encounter
- Dolphin Encounter
- Stingray Encounter
- Sea Lion Encounter
- Dolphin Swim
- Beach Day Adventure
- Segway Safari

POSTER SIZE: LETTER-SIZED (8.5 X 11 INCHES)

Poster Guidelines & Entry Rules

Posters must illustrate the **PROBLEM** and **SOLUTION** and meet the following specifications to qualify:

- Paper size must be letter-size (8.5 x 11 inches)
- Must be un-ruled & unlined
- May be horizontal or vertical
- Must be done freehand
- Artistic concept must successfully communicate the topic of the competition
- Art Materials used may be pens, pencils, colored pencils, markers, crayons, watercolors or paints
- NO SPELLING ERRORS
- NO charcoal, pastels, chalk, glitter, sand or paste-ons
- NO STENCILS, TRACING or computer graphic
- NO name or school should be written on the artwork.
- An application MUST be included with each poster.
- One poster per student.
- Posters can be **SCANNED** or a **PHOTO** taken.
- Photos should be taken directly above the poster and in a well-lit area or include a flash.
- Posters MUST be submitted as a DIGITAL JPG file to the Education Email or Whats App number below.
- **All entries must be received by June 1st, 2020.**



Guidelines & Entry Rules Cont.

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

Special Needs Students

Official Sea Tag Certificates acknowledging each student's submission will be digitally sent to all participants.

Entry Deadline

All school entries must be submitted to the Education Department by **June 1st, 2020.**

Paper posters that were submitted prior to March 13th will be scanned and judged in digital format along with all other qualifying posters.

Judging

A panel of judges recognized for their work in the marine environment will view and select winners. All decisions are final. Announcement of winning contestants will be made by **June 19th, 2020.**

Student Awards

Each child that places in the top three slots for his or her grade-category will receive a reward which will be announced on-line and notices will be sent out directly to all winning applicants.

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 Blue Lagoon Island. 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.

What Can You Do to Battle Invasives?

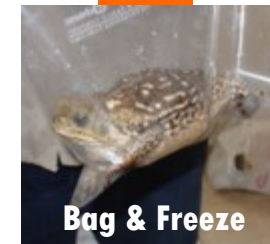
- Remove & Destroy
- Replace with Natives
- Net & Spear
- Bag & Freeze



Plant Natives



Spear Lionfish



Bag & Freeze

Official Application: Marine Education Poster Contest 2020

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

I have read and agree to all rules of the Blue Lagoon Island Marine Poster Contest and agree that my poster entry becomes the property of Blue Lagoon Island and it may be displayed, published, donated or used in any way deemed appropriate to meet the goals of BLI. I certify that this poster is my original work as witnessed below by my teacher or parent.



Student/Artist

School

Teacher's Name Student's Grade Level

City Island

Artist's Title for Poster

Artist's Signature Date

Student's Home Phone Student's Email

Parent's Signature Date