



KSU Big Creek Middle Smoky Hill River Watersheds

**City of Hays & KSU Big Creek Middle Smoky Hill River Watersheds
Water Conservation & Water Quality Poster Contest**

Poster contest is open to City of Hays Students, Pre-Kindergarten through 12th, Fort Hays State University Students, & NCK Tech Students, & Community Adults

2021 Poster Contest Themes & Awards

Grade	Poster Theme	Awards
Pre-K-5 th Grade	‘Let’s Talk Water’	Individual Grade Prizes 1 st -3 rd Places \$50, \$30, \$20 1 st Place Grade Class Party
6 th -8 th		Individual Grade Prizes 1 st -3 rd Places \$50, \$30, \$20 Individual Overall Winners \$125, \$100, \$75
9 th -12 th		Individual Overall Winners 1 st -3 rd Places \$250, \$150, \$100
FHSU Students NCK Tech Students		Individual Overall Winners 1 st -3 rd Places \$250, \$150, \$100
Community Adults <i>(no professional artists)</i>		Individual Overall Winners 1 st -3 rd Places \$250, \$150, \$100

- Water Poster Contest must share **Water Conservation** or **Stormwater (Water Quality)** messages:
 - **Water Conservation simply means saving water.** Messages could show how to reduce water usage indoors, outdoors, and/or at work. Specific messages might focus on bathroom or kitchen water saving efforts, more efficient landscapes utilizing native vegetation, soil health, or organic mulch, or installing high efficiency toilets, faucet aerators, or urinals in workplaces. To learn more, visit www.watersmarthays.com
 - **Reducing the impact of Stormwater and improving Water Quality as water leaves properties (residential or business) and enter Lincoln Draw, Chetolah Draw, or Big Creek is the goal.** Messages could focus on pollutants: sediment (soil); nitrogen; phosphorus; *E.coli* bacteria; household chemicals; vehicle fluids; etc., that are

harmful to water sources and tips for preventing the pollutants from leaving properties or tips on how to protect water sources. To learn more, visit www.MyKansasWatershed.com

Water Poster Contest Rules include:

- **‘Let’s Talk Water’** must be used as the theme on the poster;
- Designed on 12 x 18 inch White poster paper;
- **HORIZONTAL DISPLAY ONLY;**
- Use of pencil, pastels, charcoal, pen, ink, markers, paint, watercolor, crayon, cut paper, 3-dimensional, or computer generated posters will be accepted;
- Name, age, grade, and teacher/professor and school will need to be written in pencil on the back of the poster in the lower left hand corner;
- Adult entries need to include name, address and phone number on the back;
- Posters can be done by individuals and do not need to be associated with a school or classroom.

Deadlines & Dates to Remember:

- Posters due by Thursday, March 18, 2021
- Turned into school offices, City Hall, or at Public Works Department
- Winners announced by Wednesday, March 31, 2021
- Awards Ceremony will be announced at a later time.

Posters will be judged as follows:

Water Theme Message -----	50%
Visual Effectiveness -----	30%
Originality -----	10%
Universal Appeal -----	10%

For questions or more information, please contact Stacie Minson, KSU - Watershed Specialist at 785-769-3297 (call or text) or sedgett@ksu.edu or Holly Dickman, City of Hays, Water Conservation Specialist at 785-628-7350 or hdickman@haysusa.com