

**2016 LYME DISEASE AWARENESS
7th Annual K-8 POSTER CONTEST
Theme: Tick Watch**



Instructions

- Poster should illustrate importance of awareness of ticks and mindfulness of ticks to prevent Lyme disease.
- A basic understanding of Lyme disease and Lyme disease prevention is required. For Lyme disease education visit <http://www.maine.gov/lyme> or <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-disease/epi/school-curriculum/index.shtml>. Poster should illustrate at least one of the 4 approaches to personal prevention:
 - **Use caution in tick-infested areas**
 - **Use an EPA approved repellent**
 - **Wear protective clothing**
 - **Perform daily tick checks both visibly and by touch**
- Posters should be: creative, colorful, and easily seen from a distance.
- Posters should be on white drawing or heavy construction paper. 12 x 18 is the preferred size. (11x 17 will also be accepted). Do not laminate or mount.
- Please print the following information on the back of each poster entry: Child's name, age, and grade, teacher's name (or class name), total number of students per class, school name, school address, and school phone number.
- For additional information on ticks, or examples of last year's winners, visit: <http://www.maine.gov/lyme>.

Contest Rules

- **Number of Entries:** Submit only 3 posters per grade. Please conduct a local grade-wide contest to determine which posters from each grade to enter into the state contest.
- **Deadline:** Entries must be received by the Infectious Disease Epidemiology Program by April 29, 2016. (see address below)
- **Judging:** Posters will be on display at the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (Maine CDC) building where the Infectious Disease Epidemiology Program is located. Submission judges will be Maine state employees.
- **Winners and Recognition:** Winners will be notified by May 13, 2016. A total of 4 winners will be chosen:
 - One winner each from grades K-1, grades 2-3, grades 4-5 and grades 6-8.
 - Each winner will receive a one day family pass to a Maine State Park of their choice. In addition every member of the winner's classroom will receive a personal Tick Removal Kit
- **Property:** All posters will become the property of Maine CDC and will not be returned. The Infectious Disease Epidemiology Program may duplicate posters to use as part of Lyme Disease Awareness Promotional efforts but in no instance will this involve monetary transactions. If a student (or parent) does not wish his/her poster to be duplicated, "DO NOT DUPLICATE" must be printed on the back of the poster along with the student's name prior to submission.
- **Address:**
 - Send entries to: Lyme Disease Poster Contest
Maine CDC
286 Water St. 8th floor
Augusta, ME 04333-0011

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