



Alaska Office of Boating Safety
2018 Kids Don't Float Poster Contest

Eligibility and Guidelines

1. Open to all Alaska elementary school students (kindergarten through sixth grade).
2. Poster entries should support the *Kids Don't Float* objectives of educating Alaskans about the importance of always wearing a life jacket when boating and the dangers of Alaska's cold water. Entrants are encouraged to use information from the Office of Boating Safety's website and publications.
3. Poster submissions become the property of the Alaska Office of Boating Safety.
4. Students may use any materials to construct their poster. Entries must be between 8 ½" x 11" and 16" x 20".

Contest Dates and How to Enter

A 2018 teacher entry form expressing interest in participation must be submitted by **March 1, 2018**. A team of teachers from each school will judge the posters submitted by their school and choose winners for each category. Those selected posters will be mailed (along with a signed 2018 submission form) to the Alaska Office of Boating Safety and judged against posters from other schools. Posters must be postmarked by **April 6, 2018**. The Alaska Office of Boating Safety will choose the winners from each category by **May 1, 2018**.

Teacher entry form: <http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/4071234/KDF-Poster-Contest-2018-Teacher-Entry-Form>

Students may create their poster from scratch or directly on the back of the "Choose Life" poster provided by the Alaska Office of Boating Safety (by request). Creativity is encouraged!

Entries should depict safe boating practices and must be original work. Lettering and images should be large and bold enough to reproduce digitally.

A label on the back of each entry must clearly list the student's name, grade level, school name, teacher's name, and teacher's contact information. Omission of this information may disqualify an entry.

Teacher entry forms, submission forms, and poster labels can be found on our website: <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/boating/kdf/kdfhome>

Resources

Visit <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/boating/kdf/kdfhome> for Alaska Office of Boating Safety educational resources, including curriculum, presentation and publication material, and educational videos.

Categories

One winner will be chosen for each of the following categories:

Kindergarten-2nd grade:

- Most Creative Concept
- Most Artistic
- Most Educational

3rd-4th grade:

- Most Creative Concept
- Most Artistic
- Most Educational

5th-6th grade:

- Most Creative Concept
- Most Artistic
- Most Educational

The winning posters will be used by the Alaska Office of Boating Safety in presentations and on social media to deliver boating safety messages throughout Alaska. One overall winner will be chosen and printed in the next Safe Boaters Kids Book. Posters not selected as winners may still be used or reproduced by the Alaska Office of Boating Safety.

Selected posters may be displayed at the SteamDot Coffee in the Sears Mall (or at another location or business) during the month of May to promote boating safety during National Safe Boating Week.

Disclaimer

All entries become the exclusive property of the Alaska Office of Boating Safety (AOBS). AOBS has the right to display or otherwise use the submissions for future reproduction. Suggestion: take pictures of the artwork prior to submission.