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SUBMISSION PERIOD OPENS FOR 2020 CLEAN AIR MONTH POSTER CONTEST

K-12 students eligible for \$100 prizes, new bicycles

The Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District's 2020 installment of its annual Clean Air Month Poster Contest is open for submissions through April 30 from K-12 students throughout its broad jurisdiction.

This year's contest coincides with the District's recently launched Our Desert Air, a public outreach initiative to make more people within the District aware of air quality benefits and issues than ever before.

To put it simply: MDAQMD is asking students to help illustrate all there is to love and protect in the vast expanse of the Mojave Desert Air Basin.

The contest theme, appropriately named, "Our Desert Air," invites participants to create and submit a hand-drawn poster that shows one or more features of the Mojave Desert that make it unique. Whether it's as detailed as a scene in the midst of Mojave National Preserve, or it's as simple as a Joshua tree, the District hopes the students' imagination and creativity will help shine a spotlight on the wonders of the region.

"Our annual poster contest continues to be one of our most successful programs in engaging the broad student population in our jurisdiction," said Brad Poiriez, Executive Director of the MDAQMD. "We have a lot of creative, artistic and willing participants in this contest every year, and we can't wait to see how they illustrate the features of our beautiful desert."

Students compete in one of four categories by grade level: kindergarten through second; third through fifth; sixth through eighth; and ninth through 12th. The top three winners in each category will win \$100, \$50 and \$25 respectively and every accepted entry is automatically entered for a chance to win a new bicycle generously donated by contest cosponsor Victor Valley Transit Authority.

Entry deadline is 5 p.m. on April 30, 2020. Students in grades K-12 who attend school in the High Desert portion of San Bernardino County or Palo Verde Valley of Riverside County are eligible to participate. Get full contest rules and learn how to submit entries at mdaqmd.ca.gov/CAMP2020.

MDAQMD is the air pollution control authority and permitting agency for the High Desert portion of San Bernardino County and the Palo Verde Valley in Riverside County. It's governed by a board of 13 members representing nine incorporated municipalities and two counties within its boundaries. Visit mdaqmd.ca.gov or follow us on social media @MDAQMD.

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