



Essay Contest

"Be Air Aware"

May is National Clean Air Month

Sponsored by the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District & the Mojave Environmental Education Consortium

You could go days without food and hours without water, but you would last only a few minutes without air. On average, each of us breathes over 3,000 gallons of air each day. Did you know that breathing polluted air can make you sick? Protect yourself by checking the **Air Quality Index** daily to determine pollution levels and health effects.

Air Quality Awareness Week is May 3 - 7, 2010. Write an essay about why it is important to "**Be Air Aware**" (For more information visit www.epa.gov/airnow/airaware).

- Five age categories:**
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| 1. Kindergarten: Can draw a picture and include one to three sentences about essay topic. | 4. Middle School (grades 6-8) |
| 2. Elementary School (grades 1-2) | 5. High School (grades 9-12) |
| 3. Elementary School (grades 3-5) | |

First, second and third place winners will be awarded in each of the five categories. First place winners will receive \$50, second place \$25, and third place will receive \$15.00. Kindergarten winners are each awarded \$10.00 in lieu of the aforementioned monetary prizes. All winners, along with their families, will be treated to a special tour of the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District and its Clean Power Education Center. Winners will also be recognized in the next MEEC & MDAQMD newsletters.

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Contest Criteria

Essay should be no more than 250 words in length. On the back of each essay, the entry **MUST** contain the author's name, mailing address, phone number and grade to be considered. Deadline for submissions is Thursday, May 20, 2010 at 5:00 PM. Submissions may be mailed, delivered or faxed to:

MEEC
14306 Park Ave
Victorville, CA 92392

Attn: Christie R.
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Winners will be notified by phone and invited to attend the MDAQMD Essay Contest Awards Presentation. For more information, please contact Christie Robinson at: (760) 245-1661 ext. 6101. All submissions become the property of MEEC and the MDAQMD.

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