



Refuse to Use Plastic Bags Poster Contest

Calling all students!

Here is an opportunity to use your research, art, design, and written communication skills to inspire all of us to help our planet! The Mississippi Valley Field Naturalists invite all elementary and secondary students (including home-schooled students) to enter their 'Refuse to Use' Poster Contest.

The winning posters will be the ones whose words and images seem best suited to convince your family, friends, neighbours and other local residents to 'refuse to use' plastic bags. Your poster should show why plastic bags are harmful to the environment, and give advice to help people develop habits to avoid their use. Use your artistic talents and powers of persuasion to convey the message -- it depends on you!

- ❖ **Cash prize of \$20 for the winner of each of four categories: Grades 1-3, 4-6, 7-9, and 10-12!**
- ❖ **Winning posters displayed throughout your town for all to see and be inspired!**

CONTEST DETAILS:

Create your posters in any media (e.g. marker, pen, acrylic paints, wax crayons, etc.) on a 23 x 30 cm (9 in. x 12 in.) page (approximate size). All graphics and text on the poster must be hand drawn.

Write your name, grade and the name of your teacher and school on the back of your poster. If homeschooled, provide your name, age, and a parent's name and contact information.

Submit your poster to your teacher by November 29, 2013. If you are not currently attending a school in Mississippi Mills, you can drop off your poster at Mill Street Books, 52 Mill Street, Almonte.

For further contest details and additional information and links to help you research the issue of the problem with plastic bags, please visit the Mississippi Valley Field Naturalists website at mvfn.ca.

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