

The theme for the 2023-2024 contest is "Be Kind to Your Mind – Live Drug Free"

## Rules

The contest is open to all 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students.

Poster paper: Ideally, posters should be submitted on  $8.5 \times 11$  inch paper. However, posters submitted on paper up to 12x24 inches in size will be accepted. Participants must draw the posters themselves but may get ideas from parents, teachers, or friends.

## Judging will be based on the following:

- Closeness to the theme
- Neatness
- Originality
- Correct grammatical structure
  NO TRADEMARK CHARACTERS ARE ALLOWED

Each entry must have the following information on a separate sheet attached to the poster

- Student's full name and phone number and parent's email address
- School, location, grade
- Elks Lodge name
- Must also be accompanied by Hold Harmless Agreement

Please write the information on another piece of paper or where the colors will not bleed through as it makes it difficult to read and contact the winners.

## Due date:

Return all posters for judging by **January 6, 2024** to the Lodge chairperson. The Lodge chair will select the top posters for each grade and they will be forwarded to the district chairperson by **February 4, 2024**. The district winners will be forwarded to State level competition. All winning entries become the sole property of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and may not be returned.

National Recognition: Each State Drug Awareness Chairperson will choose an overall winner. This winning poster will be submitted for entry into the National Elks contest and for inclusion in the Elks DAP coloring book. It may be featured on the www.elkskidzone.org website and/or in ENF or DAP publications.