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Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness

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WANTED: Student Participation in Severe Weather Awareness Poster Contest

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Columbus, OH - On February 2, he saw his shadow. According to Ohio's groundhog, Buckeye Chuck, the state needs to prepare for a few more weeks of winter. But, according to the Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness, Ohioans need to prepare for all seasons and the natural hazards they can produce. The committee sponsors an annual poster-drawing contest in which school-aged students create safety posters that illustrate how to prepare for and protect oneself from the severe weather that affects the state of Ohio.

"For the past 27 years, the Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness Poster Contest has been an excellent mechanism for allowing children to creatively demonstrate their awareness and understanding of the natural hazards which impact the state," said Nancy Dragani, executive director of the Ohio Emergency Management Agency.

The contest is open to students in first through sixth grades, including special education classes, in public, private and home schools. Posters drawn by home-schooled children or students whose schools do not actively participate in the poster contest should be submitted to the principal or art teacher of their local grade school, along with a copy of the poster contest rules (link to poster rules listed below).

For the contest, the state is divided into nine regions. The schools' winning-poster from each grade level is sent to their appropriate regional National Weather Service (NWS) office. Each NWS office selects the regional winners from each grade level and forwards the posters to the Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness for the final round of state-level judging. A maximum of 63 regional posters can be entered. The deadline to enter weather safety posters is April 17, 2006.

All regional winners will be invited to attend a special awards ceremony at The Ohio State Fair on August 12, where one poster per grade will be announced as the state-level winner and one poster will

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She was announced as the Overall State Winner. All participating regional and state-level winners will receive prizes and certificates.

Stacie Fernstrom, now a sixth-grader at Canfield Village Middle School in Mahoning County was the overall state winner for 2005. Her colorfully illustrated poster showed "ways to beat the heat."

Severe Weather Awareness Poster Contest rules are available online at <http://www.ema.ohio.gov/weather.htm>.

Ohio's **Severe Weather Awareness Week is March 26 – April 1, 2006**, with the statewide tornado drill scheduled for Wednesday, March 29 at 9:50 a.m.