



PPL MONTANA



Tommy Trout presents

Water Safety

2009 PPL Montana Water Safety Poster Contest

Swimming, boating and fishing are lots of fun. But any recreation on or around Montana's rivers, streams and lakes can be dangerous if you're not careful.

Tommy Trout wants you to draw a poster about water safety. Remember you need to wear a life vest whenever you're in a boat, and you should always have a buddy with you if you're swimming or fishing.

You can create a poster sharing the fun times you've had on the water. Or your poster could look at the dangers of cold and fast-moving water if the boat you're in tips or you slip when you're fishing from shore.

So look for ideas that can keep you safe when you're playing around water.

Start your poster now!

Pick your topic. Then draw a picture that sends an important water-safety message. Your poster can cover any topic that involves safety around Montana's many lakes, rivers and streams.

Here are some ideas to get you started:

Tips

- Never stand up in boat or canoe. It could tip and throw you overboard.
- Always wear an approved life vest.
- If the boat or canoe tips and you are far from shore, don't try to swim – hang on to the boat until help comes.
- If you're going fishing, carry your rod in an upright position.
- Always secure your hook when you're not fishing.
- When casting, stay clear of other people and objects, like trees.
- Handle hooks and fish carefully. Keep hooks pointed away from you and others.
- If you're wading in a stream or the shallow end of a lake, always wear your life jacket and watch your step!
- Never go in the water alone.
- Always assume drop-offs, ledges and pools can be anywhere. Within a few steps, water levels can change suddenly.

Attention teachers!

Have your students study safety to get the most out of the PPL Montana Water Safety Poster Contest.

- **Objective:** Make students aware that they must be careful around water, especially when swimming, boating or fishing.
- **Materials:** Provide drawing paper about 11 by 17 inches, and any drawing medium – crayons, markers, pencils, pens, ink, etc. Or, use the back of this paper.
- **Procedure:** Discuss water hazards and water safety ideas. Discuss how we must be careful during any activities near lakes, streams and rivers.
- **Supplementary activity:** Have students describe all the other safety measures they can take during their daily routines.

Teacher appreciation gift

Get your students started early on their artwork so you'll be one of the lucky teachers who receive a gift from PPL Montana. The first 50 teachers who submit their students' posters will receive a special gift from PPL Montana with a safety message to remind you to think "Safety First!"

Each student who enters a poster in the contest will receive stickers with a safety message.

Who can enter PPL Montana's Water Safety Poster Contest?

All students in grades 3-5 are eligible.

Prizes for winning students and their teachers

A total of nine winners will be selected – a grand-prize winner, runner-up and honorable-mention for each grade level. A panel of PPL employees will do the judging. Grand-prize winners will receive shares of PPL Corporation stock valued at \$100; runners-up will receive shares of PPL Corporation stock valued at \$75; and honorable-mention winners will receive shares of PPL Corporation stock valued at \$50. Teachers of grand-prize winners will receive a \$50 certificate from PPL Montana for instructional materials or supplies.

Contest rules

- Entries must be postmarked no later than March 31, 2008.
- Students must create their own artwork that addresses the theme.
- Posters must be drawn on 11-inch-by-17-inch paper or poster board.
- No copyrighted characters may be used.
- No copyrighted magazine names may be used.
- Any drawing medium – crayons, markers, pencils, pens, ink, etc. – is acceptable.
- Posters must be two-dimensional. No glitter, construction paper, stick-ons, etc., may be attached to the paper. Do not use stencils or computer-generated artwork.
- Each student is allowed only one entry, and it must have a legible, completed entry form.
- All entries become the property of PPL Corporation. Only winning posters will be returned.
- PPL Corporation reserves the right to reproduce all posters in whole or part and to use the names of the winners in public announcements of the contest.
- Teachers, please supply a list of your participating students.

PPL Montana Water Safety – 2009 Poster Calendar

The nine prize-winning posters will be featured on a special 2009 PPL Montana Water Safety Poster Calendar. Copies of the poster will be distributed to schools, community leaders and PPL facilities. What an honor it will be for students to have their artwork showcased for this large audience.

Entry form (You may photocopy this form.)

Make sure each poster has a properly filled out, legible entry form with it.

You may use the back of this form for your poster entry and mail it to:
PPL Montana, c/o Michele Ostertag
336 Rainbow Dam Road
Great Falls, MT 59404

Student's Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____ ZIP _____

School _____

Grade _____

School Address _____

City _____ ZIP _____

Sponsoring Teacher _____

School Telephone Number _____

Teacher's e-mail _____