



PIKE COUNTY TICK BORNE DISEASES TASK FORCE

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Do you know that Tick Borne Diseases are bacterial infections caused by a tick bite? Most cases of Tick Borne Diseases can be treated successfully with a few weeks of antibiotics. If left untreated, infection can spread to joints, the heart, and the nervous system.

Our campaign theme this year is, “**Safe Steps**”. It is important to know how to protect yourself from ticks and how to avoid exposure to ticks and possibly Tick Borne Diseases. Preventing tick bites and removing ticks that do bite are key to preventing Tick Borne Diseases.

This is why we are encouraging your child to participate in this year’s “**Safe Steps**” art competition. Please join us in this opportunity to help educate your child and their peers about where ticks are found and how to prevent encountering ticks in their habitat.

This art contest is open to children in grades K-6, broken into four groups: grades K, 1-2, 3-4, 5-6. One winner from each group will be chosen.

Deadline for submissions: Entries must be received by April 05, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. Entries can be hand delivered to the Pike County Commissioners Office or mailed to:

Pike County Commissioners Office
Attn: Pike County TBD Task Force
506 Broad Street
Milford, PA 18337

Notification of Winners: will occur via letter by April 19, 2023 and awards will be handed out at the Pike County Commissioners meeting on May 03, 2023. All winners will receive a certificate of participation.

Safe Steps Art Competition Guidelines:

Competition Rules:

- Entries will be judged in one of the four groups: grade K, grades 1-2, grades 3-4, and grades 5-6.
- Only **one** entry allowed per child.
- Each submission must illustrate “**Where do ticks live**” or “**How to protect yourself from Tick Bites.**”

Submission guidelines:

- Posters should be on drawing or heavy construction paper. No larger than 12” x 18”. Do not laminate or mount.
- Submissions must be drawn or handwritten.
- To be considered, submissions must be accompanied by a completed contest form (below). The contest form should be firmly attached to the back of the poster.

Judging Criteria:

- Be an original work of the contestant
- Include at least one location where ticks can be found or at least one tick bite prevention technique
- Demonstrate creativity
- Be neat in its appearance
- Most importantly, have fun and be creative!

Address:

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Tick Borne Diseases Prevention Poster Contest 2023

Release Form

Student's Name: _____

Grade: _____

Hometown: _____

School: _____

Teacher/Contact:

Name: _____

Telephone: _____ **Email:** _____

I hereby certify that this poster was entirely created by the student above and is the student's original artwork.

I agree that it may be offered for public display or publication at some point during or after the contest. I understand that this poster becomes the property of the Pike County Tick Borne Diseases Task Force and may be used as part of our educational displays. The only information that maybe released is your child's name, school and grade.

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

This form must be attached to each entry