

CONTEST CORNER

The Art Of Thinking Green

(NAPSA)—The Earth is 70 percent water and keeping the planet clean means keeping water clean. Now, students across the U.S. can help to do just that.

They'll take part in a national contest that challenges kindergarten through 12th-grade students to create an illustrated haiku about streams and chemistry.

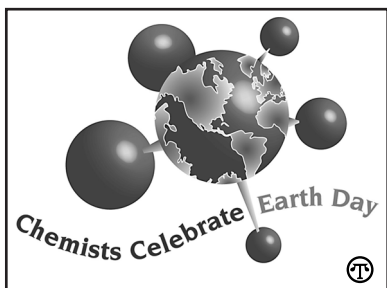
A haiku is a three-line poem with five syllables in the first line, seven in the second and five in the third. Haikus typically have nature-related themes and do not rhyme. Here's an example:

*Submerged rocks stare back
through the glistening water
streaming clean and clear.*

The contest is sponsored by the American Chemical Society (ACS) as part of its Chemists Celebrate Earth Day (CCED) celebration, which includes fun and educational activities nationwide. The ACS is a nonprofit organization chartered by Congress. It serves as the world's largest scientific society and is a global leader in providing access to chemistry-related research.

First-place winners in each of the national competition's grade categories will win \$200. Second place in each grade category will win \$100.

College students have the chance to get in the act as well, with the CCED "Adopt-A-Stream" community service event. Student groups that enter are asked to adopt a stream, lake, bay or any other natural water body. Groups then organize an event to get the community



Two unique contests ask students to celebrate the Earth.

involved in the well-being of the water body.

Events can include shore cleanups, aquatic habitat restoration, educational projects, nature walks or any other activity that directly benefits the body of water and its surrounding community. First prize in the contest is \$500 and second prize is \$250.

Celebrating The Earth

Earth Day was first officially recognized on April 22, 1970 to demonstrate support for a healthy environment, raise awareness about environmental issues and remind people that we all need to contribute to a sustainable planet.

Since then, the day has taken on national significance. Today it is thought that the two CCED contests will help future generations learn to celebrate the Earth and the environment.

Learning More

For more information about the ACS or its contests, including contest deadlines, visit www.chemistry.org/earthday. Click on the Coordinator Look-up button to enter in your local area.