

Get creative when submitting designs for trash can contest

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Missouri elementary, middle and home-school students have until March 8 to participate in the 2013 "Yes You CAN Make Missouri Litter-Free" trash-can-decorating contest. The annual contest is sponsored by the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) and the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) as part of the state's "No MORE Trash!" statewide litter prevention campaign.

The trash-can contest encourages school classes and groups to join in the fight against litter by decorating and displaying a large trash can with the "No MORE Trash!" logo and a litter-prevention message using a variety of creative media. Schools may submit one entry in each competition category: K-2, 3-5 and 6-8. Entries are judged based on creativity, adherence to contest rules and effective use of theme and logo.

There is no entry fee for the contest. Participating school groups must submit a completed entry form online with up to three photos to www.nomoretrash.org by March 8. Contest rules, entry forms, logo, past contest entries and winners, and educational information can also be found at www.nomoretrash.org.

First-place winners from each competition category receive \$200 awarded to the sponsoring schools. All first-place winners are then eligible for a grand prize of a trophy and \$600 awarded to the sponsoring school.