

## RADON for HEALTHY HOMES



Dear Parent . . .

Thank you for allowing your student to participate in the National Radon Poster Contest. Please sign the “[Artwork Submission and Release Form](#)” (located at this website: <http://www.TakeActionOnRadon.uiuc.edu/moreinfo.html> ). Have your child return the form to his or her youth group leader or teacher by May 15, 2008.

Posters and forms are due by June 1 to the unit Extension office.

### What is radon?

- Colorless, odorless, tasteless, radioactive gas

### Where is it found?

- Every state in the United States
- Every county in Illinois
- 50 per cent of Illinois counties have elevated radon levels

### What are the health risks?

- Second leading cause of lung cancer
- Responsible for 21,000 deaths each year
- Costs over \$2 billion per year in health care costs

### How do you test for radon?

- Simple, inexpensive test kits
- Test kits available at hardware stores
- Call 1-800-325-1245 for a free kit or [www.radon.illinois.gov](http://www.radon.illinois.gov)

### What is the radon poster contest?

- Effort to raise awareness about the harmful effects of high radon levels and encourage families to test their home for radon
- Children ages 9-14 are eligible.
- Artwork must be original.
- Materials may include crayon, markers, paint, collage, photographs, or computer graphics.

### For more information on the radon poster contest, including rules for judging:

[www.TakeActionOnRadon.uiuc.edu](http://www.TakeActionOnRadon.uiuc.edu)

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- University of Illinois Extension
- American Lung Association of Illinois
- Illinois Emergency Management Agency Radon Program
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