

## RADON for HEALTHY HOMES

**To:** Leaders of 4-H Clubs, Scouts, and other youth groups  
**Re: Opportunity for youths**, ages 9-14, during the 2007-08 school year:  
**Radon Poster Contest**

University of Illinois Extension along with the American Lung Association of Illinois and the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Radon Program are partnering with the National Safety Council and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to sponsor the Illinois portion of the **National Radon Poster Contest** for youth.

Radon is a colorless, odorless, tasteless, radioactive gas that can cause lung cancer. Fifty percent of Illinois counties are at high risk. We hope you and the members of your club or organization will participate to learn about radon and reduce their risk of exposure.

The National Radon Poster Contest brochure outlines the criteria for the contest and is on this website: <http://www.takeactiononradon.uiuc.edu/moreinfo.html> . For posters from Illinois to be considered at the national level, follow these steps:

1. All posters and entry forms must be at your local University of Illinois Extension office **with the attached entry form on or before June 1, 2008**. Use this website to find your local Extension office: <http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/state/findoffice.html> .
2. You can access radon information from the University of Illinois Extension website: [www.TakeActionOnRadon.uiuc.edu](http://www.TakeActionOnRadon.uiuc.edu). At that website, click on *For More Info* then scroll down to *Teacher's Resources* to download learning activities for youth.
3. Should you wish to participate there will be a radon poster teleconference Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup> from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. To attend this event dial 1800-DISTANT (1800-347-8267). The meeting ID is RADON (72366) and the password is POSTER (7678). This teleconference will be repeated from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
4. A state committee will select three winning posters from your region for consideration for, state, and national competition. The Regional winners will each receive a \$50.00 savings bond. State winners will each receive a \$100.00 savings bond.
5. Three state winning posters will be sent on to the national competition. The national winner, a parent, and teacher will win an all-expense paid trip to Washington D.C. to participate in the award ceremony in January 2009. The national winning poster will be distributed throughout the U.S. in January during National Radon Action Month.

If you have questions about the radon poster contest, please contact one of the following:

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## Radon Poster Contest Entry Form

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Please submit this form from your 4-H club or youth group to the local unit office of University of Illinois Extension along with the radon posters from your club, organization or group.

- Entries are due on or before June 1, 2008.

Name of 4-H Club or other youth group:

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Name of leader or teacher:

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Address of leader of club or other youth group:

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Phone number of club or youth group leader:

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County that the club or group is in: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of radon posters created in your club, group or organization:

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### CHECKLIST:

**V** Each poster has a *Artwork Submission and Release Form* signed by the child's parent or guardian and attached to back of poster.

**V** The student's name and other personal identification is *not* on the *front* of the poster.