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GHS/OCD Host Contests for National Preparedness Month

Throughout the month of September, Guam will join the nation in celebrating National Preparedness Month (NPM) and promoting the importance of planning and preparing for man-made and natural disasters such as typhoons, earthquakes, tsunamis, and floods. This year's NPM theme is, "A Lasting Legacy. Preparing for disasters to create a lasting legacy for you and your family."

The Offices of Guam Homeland Security and Civil Defense (GHS/OCD) will host a poster contest through September for Guam based schools, with opportunities to win prizes at the end of the month.

Elementary School and Middle School Poster Contest

WHO MAY JOIN – Any student enrolled in an elementary or middle school based on Guam.

CONTEST CATEGORIES:

- 1) Elementary School (Grades K – 5th)
- 2) Middle School (Grades 6th – 8th)

RULES AND SPECIFICATIONS

- Poster Size: 8.5" x 11"
- Posters must be an original work of art by the student.
- Posters must incorporate the theme of **"Preparing for disasters to create a lasting legacy for you and your family."**
- Mediums that may be used: Crayons, Markers, Paint, Pen/Pencil, Pastel
- Stencils, tracing, computer-generated, stick-on lettering and graphics are **prohibited**.
- Parents/guardians should not complete the drawing for the children but are encouraged to visit www.ready.gov/september website for contributing ideas.
- All entries must have the participant's name, age, grade, and school on the back side of the drawing.
- All entries will become the property of GHS/OCD and may be used for future outreach publications.

DEADLINE: All entries **must** be submitted to Guam Homeland Security / Office of Civil Defense in Agana Heights or electronically at yonitowai@ghs.guam.gov no later than **Wednesday, September 21, 2022**. Any entry submitted after this day will not be considered eligible.

WINNERS: The posters will be judged on originality, creativity, and focus on the theme of **"Preparing for disasters to create a lasting legacy for you and your family."** The winning school(s) and teacher(s) will be

contacted by **Wednesday, September 28, 2022**. The winners will be presented with a prize, and certificate and recognized on GHS/OCD social media pages and public outreaches.

High School Poster Contest

WHO MAY JOIN – Any student enrolled in a high school based on Guam.

CATEGORIES:

- High School (Grades 9th – 12th)

RULES AND SPECIFICATIONS

- Poster Size: 8.5” x 11”
- Posters must be an original work of art by the student.
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For contest information, contact Yoni Towai, GHS/OCD Planning, at (671) 475-9600 or via email at yonitowai@ghs.guam.gov.

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