

# BIENNIAL OF THE AMERICAS

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**Poster Challenge**

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This poster contest is a creative call for action directed to our youth in grades K- 5th. It is a fun and unique opportunity for Colorado's youth to participate in the Biennial. Winning posters may be reproduced and used to promote the event, displayed along the 16th Street Mall and seen by representatives from all the Americas: presidents, ambassadors, innovators, and citizens alike. This contest asks youth to pick one of the questions below or use these questions to stimulate other ideas and depict in art form, not as a map:

What do the Americas have in common?

Animal diversity, oceans, language, dancing, music, arts, culture etc.

What do you like about the Americas?

Leaders in politics, arts and other fields, holidays, tropical rain forests, historical ruins, etc.

What brings the Americas together?

The Olympics, helping neighbors during natural disasters (i.e., Haiti and Chili), etc.

We strongly suggest that students and their teachers do research on the Americas before beginning their poster. Websites we suggest to do research include:

National Geographic for Kids - [kids.nationalgeographic.com/Places/Find/](http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/Places/Find/)

Ducksters - [www.ducksters.com/geography/southamerica.php](http://www.ducksters.com/geography/southamerica.php)

Absolute Astronomy - [www.absoluteastronomy.com/topics/](http://www.absoluteastronomy.com/topics/)

Americas Biennial of the Americas – [www.biennialoftheamericas.org](http://www.biennialoftheamericas.org)

### How to Enter:

Please mail or drop off posters by 5/14/10 to:

Denver Public School Administration Offices  
Biennial of Americas Poster Contest  
900 Grant Street Denver, CO

Biennial of the Americas  
Fabby Hillyard  
555 17th Street, Suite 1800 Denver, CO

Metro State Center for Visual Art  
Biennial of the Americas Poster Contest  
965 Santa Fe Denver, CO (this location open after April 20)

To get poster kits, please contact Jill Crow at [jcrow@biennialoftheamericas.org](mailto:jcrow@biennialoftheamericas.org).

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### **Contest Rules:**

Read. Reflect. Create. Go deep. Be bold. Be creative. Use your imagination.

1. All entries must include students name, grade, school and contact information on the back of the poster.
2. All entries must be submitted by deadline of May 14, 2010.
3. All entries must be original artwork created by a student in grades K – 5th.
4. A student may enter the contest only once.
5. Entries must be 11"x 17" and may be done in marker, crayon, paint pens, watercolor, ink, acrylic, colored pencil, paint.
6. Collages are not acceptable. (Do not glue anything on your poster.)
7. Computer or photo generated art and/or printing is not acceptable.
8. Entries should not display the names of commercial products, companies, or organizations.
9. Please no maps
10. The poster must be related to the contest theme in some way.
11. Entries should not be matted, mounted, laminated, framed, or folded.
12. Winners will be announced May 19, 2010.

### **Prize:**

There will be prizes for winners in every grade level.

All entries will be judged by grade level. Each grade level will be awarded at least a 1st, 2nd and 3rd winner. 1st place winners may have their poster reproduced into 11"x17" posters that will be used in metro-Denver and surrounding areas to advertise the Biennial.

**Winning posters may be reproduced and displayed on the 16th Street Mall and in various locations throughout the city.**

**Winning posters may be displayed at the Biennial Store inside the McNichols building.**

**Winners will be invited to a special reception at the Metro State Center for Visual Art where their original posters will be displayed.**

**Winners and their families will receive Free tickets to the McNichols exhibit and programs at other cultural partners.**

For more information about the Biennial of the Americas programs and for updates on the Poster Contest please go to our website at [www.biennialoftheamericas.org](http://www.biennialoftheamericas.org).