INTRODUCTION

The Energy Safe Kids Poster Contest is sponsored by UGI Utilities, Inc. and developed by the National Energy Foundation (NEF). The purpose of the contest is to share and promote the Common Ground Alliance (CGA) **call 811** message. It is designed to combine a student's originality and artistic talent and ability to communicate the important message of **know what's below. Call 811 before you dig**.

Students can Think! about energy issues, Talk! to adults about those issues and Take Action! when needed. They understand the ways to protect themselves, their families and communities from potentially dangerous situations where energy sources are present. One of the most effective ways students and their families guard against unsafe practices is to follow the 811 rule.

The 811 rule is easy and applies to everyone: individuals, families, neighborhoods and even the construction industry. Simply put, the rule is **call 811 before you dig**. This easy practice helps protect our environment and provides damage prevention to pipelines below ground.

Every state has a system of marking property with colored flags or paint to show above the ground where pipelines are below the ground. The phone number for every state is the same, 811. When 811 is called, a locator comes to the site and marks underground lines, pipes and cables. This required practice aids those who dig in the ground to avoid hitting underground pipelines and creating an unsafe environment for a community.

This contest provides teachers an easy way to incorporate safety education into classroom curriculum. The teacher's role is to help students understand the reasons why calling 811 is an important part of energy safety for neighborhoods. This can be accomplished by using the NEF *Natural Gas Safety Poster* and viewing the pirate video "Call 811 Before You Dig" at *commongroundalliance.com* or visit *energysafekids.org/ugi* for additional ideas to inspire poster designs.

JUDGING AND PRIZES

Entries will be judged on how effectively students communicate the theme **know what's below. Call 811 before you dig**. Projects should express the student's ideas in a positive and constructive design. Points will be awarded for the idea: **The best safety is preventing, not reacting to, problems**.

Entries will be evaluated by a panel of judges comprised of educators and experts from UGI Utilities, Inc. and/or NEF. By entering this contest, entrants agree to be bound by the decisions of the judges, which are final.

- Two grand prize and two honorable mention winners will be selected.
- Winners will be notified in December.
- Prizes are not transferable, substitutable or exchangeable for cash. The contest sponsors, at their discretion, may substitute a prize of equal or greater value.
- Each of the grand prize winners (2) will be awarded:
    - A Chromebook laptop computer
- Each teacher of the grand prize winners will be awarded:
    - A Fire HD 8 tablet
- Each honorable mention winner (2) will be awarded:
    - A Fire HD 8 tablet

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Step 1:
Create a unique poster.

Step 2:
Write an explanation.

Step 3:
Fill out the official entry form and submit.

HOW TO ENTER

- Teachers provide each student with a poster board that includes an entry form printed on the back. The form must be completed and include the parent/guardian signature.

- An entire class does not have to participate. If one teacher has several classes, all students and classes may enter the contest.

- Teachers give deadlines and challenge students to produce their own poster design.

- All entries from a class should be sent together. Submit students' entries in the postage paid envelope provided. (UGI Utilites, Inc. and NEF assume no responsibility for damages incurred during the shipping process.)

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- All entries must be original work, either hand drawn or computer generated. Hard copy entry required; electronic files will not be accepted but may be requested after judging.

- No syndicated, copyrighted or clip art images can be used.

- All entries must be postmarked on or before November 6, 2023.

- Open to students in fourth grade.

- Entries must be the work of an individual, not a group or team.

- Employees of UGI and NEF, including their immediate families, household members and dependents may enter but are not eligible to win prizes.

- All rules and requirements must be followed or automatic disqualification will result.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Because the contest is designed to encourage total classroom participation, the teacher should submit all entries together. However, it is not necessary for all students to enter.

- All entries and all rights thereto become the property of sponsors and will not be returned.

- By entering this contest, entrants grant the sponsors and their designees the right, unless prohibited by law, to reproduce and publish entries in any way and format in all forms of media (publications, websites) without compensation, for the purpose of publicity in any and all manner or media, now or hereafter, throughout the world in perpetuity.

- Odds of winning depend on the number of entries received and no purchase is necessary to enter.

- The sponsors are not responsible for lost, late, incomplete or illegible entries or notifications.

- The sponsors shall not be liable for, and participants and their parent/guardian agree to hold sponsors harmless from, any injury, loss, damage, costs or expense arising directly or indirectly in connection with this contest or prize. Except as noted, all expenses associated with the prize are the sole responsibility of the parents or legal guardians of the prize recipient.

- The sponsors reserve the right to cancel, suspend or modify this competition, should causes beyond its control prevent the successful administration, winner selection or prize award.

- Contest is subject to all federal, state and local laws and regulations, and is void where prohibited by law. By entering, participants agree to the contest rules and requirements.

- The contest is sponsored and funded by UGI Utilites, Inc.; consultation is provided by NEF.