



Dear Participating Teacher:

I want to thank you on behalf of the Elks for taking the time to participate with your class in an especially important project, that of educating our students about DRUG ABUSE AND MISUSE.

It is our hope that by sponsoring this Coloring, Poster, Essay, or Video Contest we will help students think about drug issues and the reasons for avoiding the use of drugs.

Enclosed you will find a class registration form and an instruction sheet for the contest.

Please introduce the contest to your class as soon as possible and complete it by January 20, 2025.

The lodge chairperson will pick up the coloring sheets, posters, and essays. The videos can be sent via email to the chairperson or placed on a thumb drive for pick up. The chairperson will notify all participants of the winners, their prizes and when and where they will be awarded.

Again, thank you for your interest, concern and hard work, because without you this program would fail.

Sincerely,

Anthony D. Gause
Chairman Maine Elks Association
Drug Awareness Commission

Lodge Chairman _____

Telephone Number _____

Elks Drug Awareness Coloring Contest
2024-25 Theme: “Throw Away Drugs, Not Your Future”

Rules:

The contest is open to all **3rd Graders**.

Entries will be Judged on:

- Neatness
- Originality/Creativity
- Use of Colors
- Aesthetics and Uniqueness

Each entry must have the following:

- Students Full Name
- Student Address
- Student Telephone Number
- School Name, Location, and Grade
- Teacher’s Name
- Sponsoring Elk Lodge Name & Number
- Hold Harmless Agreement

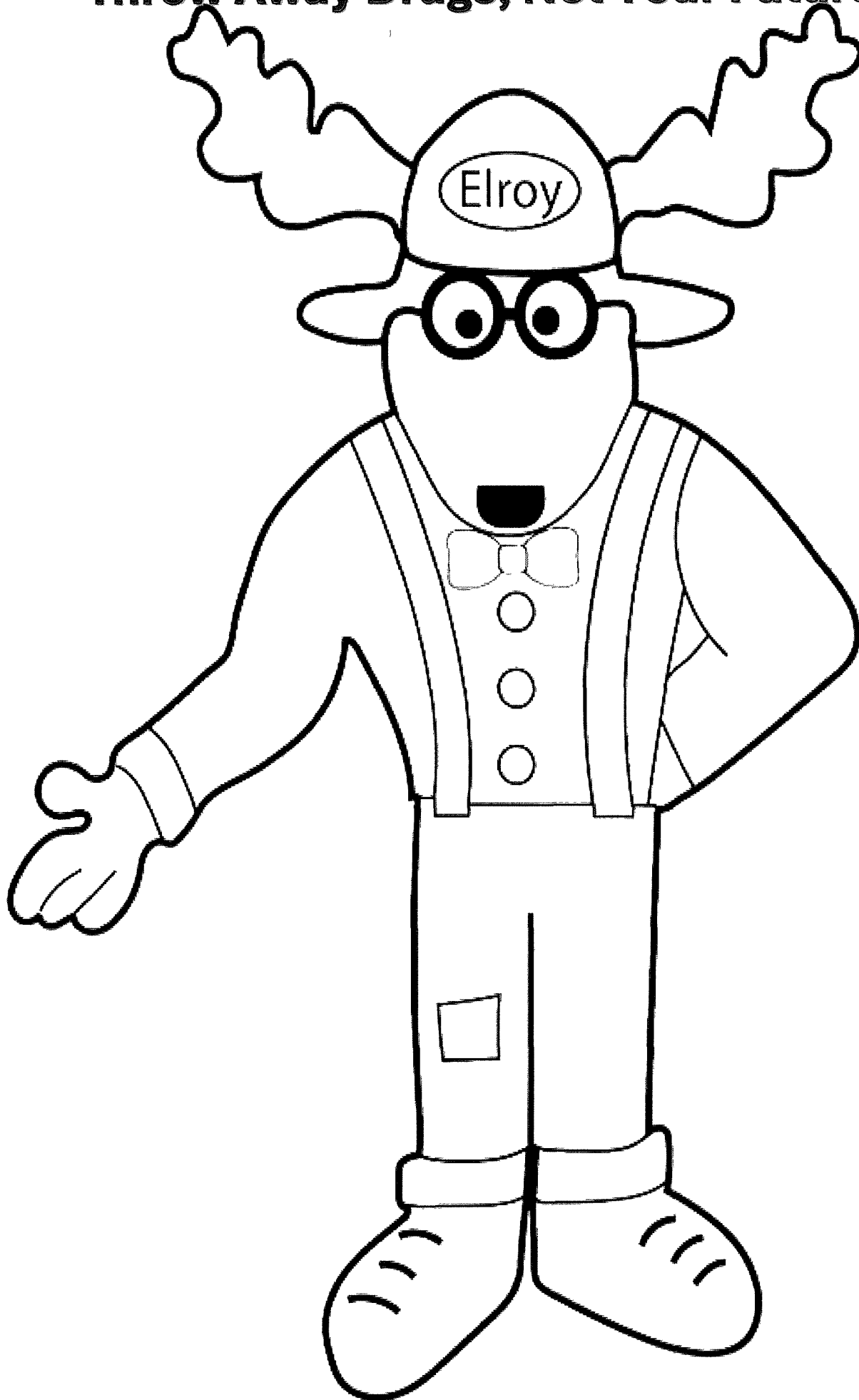
Due date:

Contact your Local Elks Lodge for more details.

Winners:

Each Lodge will select a winner, using the criteria listed above. The Lodge will notify winners. Winning entries will be forwarded to the District Competition. District winners will be forwarded to the State Competition. State winners will be notified, and awards are presented in May during the Maine Elks Association State Convention.

Throw Away Drugs, Not Your Future



Elks Drug Awareness Poster Contest

The theme for the 2024-2025 contest is: **“Throw Away Drugs, Not Your Future”**

Rules:

The contest is open to all 4th & 5th grade students.

Poster paper:

Ideally, posters should be submitted on 8 1/2 x 11-inch paper. However, posters submitted on paper up to 20 x 30 inches in size will be accepted. Please contact your local Elks Lodge for additional information, as some areas might have additional criteria.

Judging will be based on the following:

- Appropriateness to Theme
- Neatness and drawing execution.
- Originality/Creativity
- Use of colors, aesthetics, and uniqueness

Each entry must have the following information on the back of the poster:

- Student's full name
- Students Address
- Students Telephone
- School, location, grade
- Elks lodge name
- Must also be accompanied by Hold Harmless agreement.

Copyrighted characters are prohibited.

Entries containing copyrighted material will be disqualified.

Due date:

Please contact your local Elks Lodge for more details.

Winners:

Each lodge will select a winner, using the criteria listed above. The lodge will notify winners. Winning posters will be forwarded to the District Competition. District winners will be forwarded to the State Level Competition. All winning entries become the sole property of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and may not be returned.

National recognition:

Each State Drug Awareness Chairman will choose one overall winner. This winning poster will be submitted for entry into the annual National Elks contest and for inclusion in the Elks DAP Coloring Book. Winning Posters may also be featured on the www.elkskidszone.org website – online coloring book and/or in ENF or DAP publications.

Elks Drug Awareness Essay Contest
2024-2025 Theme: **“Throw Away Drugs, Not Your Future”**

Rules:

The contest is open to all 6th, 7th, & 8th grade students.

- **Participants must write their essay themselves**, but they may get help from teachers, parents, or friends in the form of ideas.
- **Length:** Minimum of Two Pages, or a Maximum of 500 words
- **Paper size:** 8½ × 11 inch.
- **Text:** Typed, computer generated text, handwritten or hand printed.

Judging will be based on the following:

- Appropriateness to the Theme
- Neatness
- Originality/Creativity
- Grammatical Correctness and Structure

Each entry must have the following information on the back of the essay:

- Student's full name
- Students Address
- Students Telephone Number
- School, location, grade
- Teacher's Name
- Sponsoring Elks lodge
- Must also be accompanied by Hold Harmless agreement (downloaded by clicking the button below)

Due date:

Contact your local Elks Lodge for more details.

Winners:

Your local Elks lodge will select the top essays, using the criteria listed above. The lodge will notify winners. Winning essays will be forwarded to the District Competition. District winners will be forwarded to the State Level Competition. All winning entries become the sole property of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and may not be returned.

National recognition:

Each State Drug Awareness Chairman will choose one overall winner. This winning essay will be submitted for entry into the National contest and may be featured on the www.elkskidszone.org website and/or in ENF or DAP publications.

Elks Drug Awareness Video Contest

The theme for the 2024-2025 contest is: **“Throw Away Drugs, Not Your Future”**

Rules:

- The contest is open to two age groups:
 - Pre-High School
 - High School
 - Post-Graduate
- Participants: May be an individual or group
- Length: 2 to 5 minutes in length
- Format: Flash Drive or similar “mobile” media in readable format
- Video should have an Anti-Abuse Message or be about making the right choice.
- Video should not depict any copyrighted characters or Trademarks with the exception of “Elroy the Elk.”

Judging will be based on the following:

- Closeness to the theme
- Neatness
- Originality
- Age and Language appropriate
- Positive message
- Quality of video

Each entry must include the following information:

- Student or Group’s full name
- Students Address
- Students Telephone
- Teacher’s Name
- School, location, grade
- Sponsoring Elks lodge name and number
- Must also be accompanied by Hold Harmless agreement.
- If minors an additional release form is required

Due date:

Please contact your local Elks Lodge for more details.

Winners:

Your local Elks lodge will select the top video, using the criteria listed above. The lodge will notify winners. Winning videos will be forwarded to the District Competition. District winners will be forwarded to the State Level Competition. All winning entries become the sole property of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and may not be returned.

National recognition:

Each State Drug Awareness Chairman will choose one overall winner. This winning video will be submitted for entry into the National contest and may be featured on the www.elkskidszone.org website and/or in ENF or DAP publications.



**ESSAY, POSTER, COLOR AND VIDEO CONTEST
Parental Consent Form
-WAIVER-**

My child _____ maybe / is the recipient of an Elks award through the Elks Drug Awareness Program's Poster, Essay, and/or Video Contest. I hereby give consent to the use of his/her name, photo, Video, Poster, and/or Essay in the Elks Drug Awareness Coloring Book, The Elks Magazine, or other Elks' publications, or websites (including all forms of media) in furthering the programs and works of charity for the Order of Elks. I further consent that the Essay/Poster/Video shall become the property of the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks of the United States of America.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Witness

Witness



(This document should be signed by the parent/guardian of any person under the age of 18)

Approved for use by the Elks Drug Awareness Program May 2015



CLASSROOM REGISTRATION FORM
POSTER, ESSAY, COLORING CONTEST, VIDEO

DUE: January 20, 2025
 SCHOOL: _____
 TEACHER: _____

NAMES OF PARTICPANTS

NAME	CIRLCE ONE	NAME	CIRLCE ONE
1	Boy / Girl	19	Boy / Girl
2	Boy / Girl	20	Boy / Girl
3	Boy / Girl	21	Boy / Girl
4	Boy / Girl	22	Boy / Girl
5	Boy / Girl	23	Boy / Girl
6	Boy / Girl	24	Boy / Girl
7	Boy / Girl	25	Boy / Girl
8	Boy / Girl	26	Boy / Girl
9	Boy / Girl	27	Boy / Girl
10	Boy / Girl	28	Boy / Girl
11	Boy / Girl	29	Boy / Girl
12	Boy / Girl	30	Boy / Girl
13	Boy / Girl	31	Boy / Girl
14	Boy / Girl	32	Boy / Girl
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17	Boy / Girl	35	Boy / Girl
18	Boy / Girl	36	Boy / Girl