

NEWS FROM ULSTER COUNTY EXECUTIVE MIKE HEIN

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE INVITES KIDS TO PARTICIPATE IN COUNTYWIDE WATER SAFETY AWARENESS COMPETITION

Kingston, NY (June 12, 2009) – With temperatures warming up, Ulster County’s pools, lakes and ponds will soon be packed with children looking to cool off and have some fun. Ulster County Executive Mike Hein wants to make sure that everyone has a great time this summer - and a safe one too. To help raise awareness of the need for safety in and around water, the County Executive is inviting young people to enter the 2009 Countywide Water Safety Poster/Poem Contest. Winners will earn savings bonds donated by Ulster Savings Bank.

The County Executive is joined in this water safety awareness effort by the Ulster County Legislature, the Ulster County Sheriff, We Care About Kids in Ulster County, Ulster Savings Bank, Y.M.C.A. and the United States Coast Guard.

The contest is open to Ulster County residents in four age categories: children up to second grade; students from third to fifth grades; students from sixth to eighth grades and students from grade nine and up.

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Entries will be accepted at any Ulster Savings Bank branch through July 31. Contestants must enter their name, address, phone number, age and grade. Posters and poems must be the original work of the artist and be focused on the dangers of water in backyard pools, public parks, river banks, ocean beaches and the importance of knowing how to swim. Boat safety can also be included. The largest size for posters is 3 feet by 2 feet. Poems must be less than 20 lines long.

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