

ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC.
NU OMEGA OMEGA CHAPTER



Enhance Our Environment

POSTER CONTEST

Open to Madison County students in grades 4TH through 6TH

Theme:
**“Invest in Our Planet:
Reduce Household Waste”**

Students should submit original artwork to communicate awareness of how individuals and communities can reduce, reuse and recycle household waste.



The top three winning posters will be displayed at the Madison County Courthouse Annex, showcased locally, and on social media.

Winners will be announced on April 15, 2023 and prizes awarded on Earth Day, April 22, 2023, during the Madison County Florida Down Home Days Event.

Winners will ride in the Down Home Days Parade as honored guests of Nu Omega Omega Chapter & the Director of Madison County Solid Waste Management and Recycling Department.



PRIZES

1st Place—\$50.00

2nd Place—\$35.00

3rd Place—\$25.00

4th Place—\$15.00

5th Place—\$15.00

Sponsored by Madison County Solid Waste Management and Recycling Department

Submission Deadline: MARCH 31, 2023 | 4:00 P.M.

Submit poster entries and release form to Madison County Chamber of Commerce
224 Southwest Range Avenue | Madison, FL

For more information ✉ nuomegaomega@yahoo.com

***Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
Nu Omega Omega***

**POSTER CONTEST FOR ENHANCE OUR ENVIRONMENT
MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA**

Poster Contest Rules

2023 Theme – “Invest in Our Planet: Reduce Household Waste”

Show off your creative skills by illustrating how individuals and or communities can invest in our planet to reduce, reuse or recycle household waste products to reduce the waste in landfill areas. See page three for the details about the theme.

Deadline

The poster and release form **must** be submitted to Nu Omega Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. **no later than Friday, March 31, 2023.**

Eligibility

All 4th, 5th and 6th grade students in Madison County public and private schools including home schools and youth organizations are eligible to participate.

Poster Requirements

Materials: Students may use a variety of tools, such as watercolor, pen and ink, crayon, chalk, colored pencil, and markers. Colors should be bold and bright. Crayons, permanent markers and paint are recommended.

Size and Layout: Posters must be designed on 22” by 28” poster board. The poster maybe oriented as landscape or portrait.

Designs: Poster must focus on the theme and cannot include characters from cartoons, TV, or movies due to copyright laws. All posters must be the original artwork of the student. Designs traced or copied from coloring books or other media cannot be accepted as original drawings. Each student may submit only one poster. If you use recycling or trash bins on your poster, please use blue or green for recycling and gray or black for trash cans. Students are encouraged to incorporate recycled or recyclable materials in their creations.

Submitting Posters: To submit your poster, turned it in at the Madison County Chamber of Commerce Office no later than 4:00 p.m. on March 31, 2023. The office is located at 224 S.W. Range Avenue Madison, Florida 32340.

Release Forms: All posters **must** include the completed Poster Release Form. A poster not accompanied by a completed Release Form will not be eligible for judging.

Prizes: The final judging will begin shortly after March 31, 2023. The length of time required for judging is determined by the number of entries received. The judges will select five posters to rank as first, second, third, fourth, and fifth place. The first, second, and third place winners will received a monetary awards of \$50.00, \$35.00, \$25.00, and \$15.00 each for fourth and fifth place winners. The winners will be notified as soon as possible after the deadline. All participants will receive a certificate of participation.

Posters will be selected based on the critieria below. Please note that any deviation in the rules could result in a poster being disqualified.

Judging Criteria:

- 1. Conveys clear message through text and artwork (20 points)**
- 2. Exhibits creativity, originality and artistic quality. (45 points)**
- 3. Addresses the theme “Invest in Our Planet: Reduce Household Waste.” (35 points)**

Note: Please be advised that participating in any event associated with the Nu Omega Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. may result in the use of your name, image and/or likeness in printed and electronic material, including but not limited to, publication on the World Wide Web, social network sites, in press materials, and in advertising and maketing materials. You hereby specifically release Nu Omega Omega Chapter and its agents from any and all claims arising from the use of your name, image and/or likeness based on any of the uses stated above.

Contact Information: Please contact Nu Omega Omega Chapter’s Enhance Our Environment Committee Chairman Val Williams at nuomegaomega@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

Theme: “Invest in Our Planet: Reduce Household Waste”

Nu Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. is working to prioritize activities that promote the adoption of more sustainable and responsible practices that make a significant impact on our environment. Under the Enhance Our Environment Initiative, the chapter is focused on Trees Planting, Community and Home Gardening, Waste Reduction and Shred/Electronic Device Recycling. The poster contest will focus on Waste Reduction in observance of Earth Day 2023 theme: “Invest in Our Planet”.

Waste Reduction efforts ask that individuals and communities engage in eco-friendly practices to reduce household waste. Waste Reduction is so important that it is the first of the three R’s (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle). Waste Reduction begins at home! Ask some very simple questions and think how a little effort can create the ripple effect of reducing, reusing and recycling within our homes and communities. Questions such as: “How do we reduce the waste (garbage) we create at home? What can we reuse to keep items from being thrown in the trash? What items can we recycle (glass, plastic, paper, metal, aluminum and etc.) to create new or different items? Finally, what can we do to enhance our environment?

“Reduce” means cutting back on the use of a resource from the start. This is the most effective way to lessen the amount of waste that is produced. It is also the most difficult because it means we must restrain our need to have new, bigger, better, more or just simple something different. When you shop, look for things that are durable and well-made so they can be used for a longer time. Make good decisions when you shop about packaging, fabric and required resources needed to make more.

“Reuse” before you dispose of anything or recycle it, consider whether it can be used for another purpose. For instance, food scraps can be used to make compost – new soil for the garden. You can share a magazine or book. Glass jars or plastic containers can be used to store leftovers. Computers can be upgraded and appliances repaired instead of discarded. Reusing or re-purposing items reduces the requirement for new resources and keeps other resources from entering into the waste/recycle system.

“Recycle” is the most popular “R” and a buzz word for a better environment. Recycling should be easy but it’s not. It has rules! Most everyone knows that you can recycle bottles, plastic, glass, cardboard, paper, aluminum cans and many other items. Did you know the wrong kind of plastic can “contaminate the whole batch of recycling causing it to be processed as garbage and placed into the landfill? Every city or county has its own rules for what and how it recycles. Know the rules!

You must use your creativity to illustrate the answers in the development of your poster. Help make Madison County and our community a better place to live by “Enhancing Our Environment” and raising awareness about actions that can be used to reduce waste and increase recycling habits. **We can barely wait to see what you create.**

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Nu Omega Omega Chapter**

Poster #

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MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA

Release Form

This form must be completed and submitted with each student's poster.

Student Name: _____

School/Organization: _____

Grade: _____

School/Organization Address: _____

City, State and Zip Code: _____

School/Organization Phone Number: (_____) _____

Teacher/Contact Name: _____

Teacher/Contact Email: _____

Parent Email: _____

Parent Phone Number: (_____) _____

I hereby certify that this poster was created entirely by the student above and is the student's original artwork and there are no copyrighted characters used. I agree that it may be offered for public display or publication at some time during or after the contest. I understand that this poster becomes the property of Nu Omega Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and may be reproduced without payment to the artist. The only information that will be released is the student's name, school, and grade.

Signature of Student

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Print Name

Print Name

Date

Date