

Nebraska Severe Weather Poster Contest Announced

LINCOLN, Neb. — The springtime severe weather season is quickly approaching and that means it's time for the annual 2015 Nebraska Severe Weather Awareness Poster Contest.

The contest, sponsored by Nebraska Association of Emergency Management, the National Weather Service and the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency, is part of the annual Severe Weather Awareness Week effort produced by emergency management directors and coordinators across Nebraska.

The poster contest is open to all fourth-grade students in Nebraska public and private schools as well as home-schooled fourth-grade students. Teachers are encouraged to have students participate while teaching them about hazards of severe weather in Nebraska. While not specifically designed to promote tornado awareness, tornadoes are the most common theme chosen for posters. Lightning and flooding, which are also products of

severe thunderstorms, are also good topic choices.

The first-place winner in the state contest wins a \$125 gift card, the second-place winner receives a \$100 gift card and the third-place winner receives a \$75 gift card, all sponsored by the Nebraska Association of Emergency Management. The fourth-place poster winner will receive a \$50 gift card sponsored by the National Weather Service. All four winners will also receive a NOAA All-Hazards Weather Alert Radio from Saline County Emergency Management.

Any questions regarding the 2014 Severe Weather Poster Contest should be directed to the local emergency management director/coordinator Kevin Garvin, Cedar County Emergency Manager (402) 254-6862 or cedarem@hartel.net

Contest rules and other information can also be obtained at the Nebraska Association of Emergency Management website at www.naem.us

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showcase Yankton to the rest of the world?" she said. "We do have several opportunities for people to help with the event. Through volunteering, we will need airport greeters, hotel information desk clerks, bus stop greeters, help with information, food and beverage (services)."

She said anyone can volunteer.

"What I really want to stress is, as a volunteer, you need to know nothing about archery and you can still volunteer for this event," she said. "Don't be intimidated that it's going to be out here, there's a lot of ways for you to help."

Those interested in volunteering will be able to sign up starting March 2 at <http://www.yankton2015way.com/>.

The Chamber is set to host diversity training events for volunteers, business and civic leaders April 21-22.

Chamber executive director Carmen Schramm told the *Press & Dakotan* she wants to see the community involved in any way it can be.

"It's going to be crazy and wild getting prepared for it, and that whole 10 days is going to be crazy and wild," Schramm said. "We just really want the community to help support it. If they can volunteer, we want them to volunteer. If they've got money to help support some of the fundraising parts to it, we'd like to see people get involved in that too."

Also in attendance during Wednesday's event were representatives from the World Archery Federation (WFA) who were in Yankton for a site inspection.

Among them was WFA executive Juan Carlos Holgado, who told the *Press & Dakotan* he was blown away by Cull and his work on the Yankton complex when Holgado first

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■ See a video of the archry mix and learn event at yankton.net.

visited four years ago.

"Bruce Cull told me, 'You have to come to Yankton' and I said 'Yankton? What is

this,'" he said. "When I came here, I realized it was the middle of archery. ... If (Cull) managed to do all this motivation with the community, we have to support him. It's incredible. So big and so many field courses and indoor and outdoor (facilities). That's amazing."

Holgado, who won a gold medal competing for Spain during the 1992 Summer Olympics in Barcelona, said the Yankton facility stands out compared to others around the country and the world.

"For me, this one has

something unique — the size and all the categories you can do here," he said. "You have a complete field range, you have a 3D range, you have a hunting area, you have the targets — indoor and outdoor. For me, it's the biggest center we have worldwide with more categories or types of archery in the same place."

Cull told the *Press & Dakotan* he felt the "mix & learn" event was a success.

"We had pretty much the whole community represented from what I could see," he said. "People asked some good questions and we talked about all the particulars of the tournament: I think everybody is sharing some of the excitement now."

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