



Kid's Aquarium Contest

Promoting responsible pet care...
one child, one aquarium at a time™

Rules & Regulations

Set Up, Preparation, Judging and Pick Up

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1. A five dollar (\$5.00) Entry Fee is required to hold a tank for all contestants.
 2. Entry fees are non-refundable.
 3. Parental help is strictly limited to heavy lifting.
 4. All water loading and electrical connections will be made by booth personnel only.
 5. Parents may coax, encourage & suggest. They may not 'tell' the child what to do.
 6. Parents may not move, touch or in any way manipulate tank decor. When placing 'HEAVY OBJECTS' in the tank, the Parent(s) must receive direction(s) from the child.
 7. The contestant will provide:
 - All Decorations
 - Background
 - Gravel
 - Fish
- AMERICA'S FAMILY PET EXPO will provide:
- A ten (10) gallon aquarium with light and full hood (Tank: 20"L x 10"W x 12"H)
 - 50 watt heater
 - Ten gallon size power filter
 - Thermometer
 - Chemicals to condition water
 - Fish food
 - Net for fish
8. At the end of the show all contestants will receive the aquariums and accessories as AMERICA'S FAMILY PET EXPO's "Thank You" for participating.
 9. To receive a tank it must not only be paid for (\$5.00 entry fee) but it must be properly decorated – Not just gravel and fish.
 10. AMERICA'S FAMILY PET EXPO & Booth Personnel reserve the right to disqualify any entrant for any reason.
 11. AMERICA'S FAMILY PET EXPO and its representatives are not responsible or liable for the loss, theft, damage or condition of the fish, decorations or equipment.
 12. All tanks not claimed by 8:00pm Sunday night (04/22/2012) will be donated to local school classrooms.
 13. Judges decisions are final.
 14. Rules & Regulations are subject to change without notice. (Please check for updates before signing your entry form.)

Judging:

Judging is separated by 3 age groups:

- A. Group I – ages 5, 6, 7 & 8
- B. Group II – ages 9, 10, 11 & 12
- C. Group III – ages 13, 14, 15 & 16

Judges distribute awards to each age group for 3 separate categories:

First, second and third place winners for each age group and also for the **Natural, Creative** and **Themed** categories. One aquarium within the Natural, Creative and Themed categories will be awarded the Sponsor Sweepstakes Award and People's Choice Award. All children will be honored with a participation ribbon and the rewards of responsible pet ownership.

“Natural” Category:

Any aquarium in this category should mimic nature. Examples include a natural lake bottom, stream or river. Although we encourage natural objects, we have had contestants add pollution to make an inventive statement.

“Creative” Category:

Aquariums in this category are a stretch of your child's imagination. A creative aquarium can include dinosaurs, holiday snowmen, mirrors or even city sky lights. Handmade decorations will be judged in this category.

“Themed” Category:

Anything store bought as a decorator set, pirates, movies, Disney, cartoon characters, etc., package or not hand crafted.

Set Up:

Thursday, April 19th 12:00pm – 8:00pm & Friday, April 20th 8:00am – 10:00am

at AMERICA'S FAMILY PET EXPO held at OC Fair & Event Center, 88 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626

On set-up and teardown days you may unload adjacent to **Building #12**, where the contest will take place.

There is no charge for admission on set up day.

Each contestant will receive a wristband good for FREE admission to AMERICA'S FAMILY PET EXPO for all three days with a paying adult. Purchase discount passes online at www.PetExpoOC.org and save \$2.00!

Pick up:

On Sunday, April 22nd between 6:00pm – 8:00pm you may remove your aquarium.

The water in the aquarium will already be prepared with the appropriate chemicals so it is ideal to keep the water by bringing a clean container that you can transport the water in. A large bucket works the best. The tanks are cumbersome and heavy so a children's wagon is an IDEAL way to transport the aquarium and supplies to your vehicle. We also suggest bringing a container for your fish. This may include a tight sealed plastic container or plastic bag with a closure.



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