International Aquaponics Conference
“Aquaponics and Global Food Security”
2013 Aquaponics Poster Contest

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point (UWSP) in conjunction with the International Aquaponics Society is sponsoring an Educational Aquaponics Poster Contest for students. The posters will be displayed at the International Aquaponics Conference at UWSP, June 19-21, 2013 and winners will be announced on June 21, 2013. Winners will be selected by conference participants on the basis of originality, artistic appeal and understanding of aquaponics.

Aquaponics is a growing industry in both science and education. The purpose of the poster contest is to promote creative thought and experimentation regarding the science of aquaponics or the benefits of raising fish and plants in a sustainable system.

Posters will be displayed for the duration of the Conference – June 19, 20, 21, 2013. Students can come to view posters for free during the exhibit hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 19, 8 a.m. to noon June 20 or 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. June 21. If students are interested in attending the talks or any other part of the conference, there is a student rate.

**Subject Material**

♦ Posters can demonstrate benefits of aquaponics, such as how aquaponics uses natural resources in an environmentally sound and sustainable manner or produces safe, locally grown food.

♦ Posters can demonstrate scientific research related to aquaponics, such as how the nitrification cycle works, plant growth, fish biology and related concepts.

♦ Posters could be about what you have learned, proven or disproven about aquaponics or that shows the promise or future of aquaponics as a sustainable food production system.

**Rules**

1. Posters must be at least 11” x 17” and no more than 22” x 28”. Posters should be flat (three dimensional posters are not allowed) and on white poster paper or equivalent material.
2. Students may use drawing materials of their choice: ink, paints, colored markers, colored chalk, water colors, crayons or computer generated images.
3. Individuals, teams or classes can submit posters.
4. All content, research, artwork and poster creation must be completed by students.
5. Categories are defined as 1) Middle school (includes 5th through 8th grade); 2) high school (9th through 12th grade); and 3) college level. Contest is open to all students in the above listed categories, from all schools.
6. The best poster in each category will receive a cash prize of $100. Winners will be announced at the closing luncheon on June 21st. Winners will be notified by email.
7. Each poster must be identified on the back with a completed entry form attached, with name of class and school, grade(s), student’s names, instructor’s name, contact phone number, and school address.
8. Prizes will be awarded to the person or persons named on back of poster.
9. All posters will be available for pick-up after the conference or will become a part of the educational material of the International Aquaponics Society, a professional organization that will be launched at the conference.
10. Posters should be sent to the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point Continuing Education Office, Attention Aquaponics Conference, 2100 Main Street, Room 032, Stevens Point, WI 54481. Posters must be received by June 7th, to be considered for the contest.

**SUGGESTIONS FOR MAKING YOUR POSTERS**

1. Read all the poster contest rules carefully before starting.
2. Discuss aquaponics in class. Learn more about aquaponics by reading books and publications. Focus your efforts on the benefits or future of aquaponics OR complete a research project about any one facet in aquaponics and present the results in your poster.
3. Space any lettering out on poster before you make drawings.
4. Neatness counts!
5. View your poster from 10 feet away to see if you can read it and it stands out.
6. Make sure you have the contact information on the back side of the poster.
7. Be sure to mail the poster in time to be Received by June 7, 2013.
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Student Name(s) ________________________________________________________________
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Class ___________________ Grade _______ School ______________________________________
Instructor: ____________________________________________________________
Contact name, if different from Name(s): ____________________________________________
School Address: ________________________________________________________________
Contact email address: ___________________________ Phone: _________________________
Do you plan to:  □ Pick up poster after Conference  □ Donate Poster