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THIRTY-SIX OHIO STUDENTS RECOGNIZED IN ANNUAL
STATE SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS POSTER CONTEST

COLUMBUS, OH – Ethan Kammer, a sixth grader in Scioto County during the 2014-2015 school year, was recognized Saturday at the Ohio State Fair as the overall state winner in a statewide poster contest. Ethan’s poster on thunder and lightning safety illustrates lightning and rain clouds, with safety tips bordering the poster’s message: Keep Calm and Weather the Storm.

The Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness chose Ethan’s poster as the most informative, accurate and creative out of the many posters received during its annual Severe Weather Awareness Poster Contest.

As the overall state winner, Ethan received a variety of awards and prizes from the committee and its partners, to include a check to go toward a $100 U.S. Treasury Direct savings bond, a letter of congratulations from Governor John R. Kasich, a NOAA Weather Radio, a smoke detector, a personalized trophy, a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) backpack and disaster supply kit, and a host of other prizes. Later in the fall, his school will receive an engraved “traveling” trophy to showcase for the remainder of the school year. In an effort to promote severe weather preparedness, the committee will feature Ethan’s poster throughout the year.

Six students, one from first through sixth grades, were announced as state-level winners and received prizes and awards, including checks to go toward $50 savings bonds, NOAA Weather Radios, smoke detectors and letters of congratulations from Gov. Kasich. They are: 1st Grader Ethan Owens of Clark County; 2nd Grader Tessa Bott of Franklin County; 3rd Grade, Grace Draeger of Sandusky County; 4th Grader Nate Narischen of Hamilton County; 5th Grader Mallory Logan of Scioto County; and 6th Grader Jaden Smith of Adams County.

This year, a total of 36 students from 21 Ohio counties were honored as regional winners. The students represented grades 1-6 from 22 schools. As regional winners, every student artist received a certificate from the National Weather Service and sling backpacks full of prizes from the offices and their partners that make up the Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness.
Since 1978, the Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness has conducted its annual poster contest. Since its inception, students have designed informative posters on severe weather safety and preparedness. The efforts of these students have helped the committee meet its overall goal – to educate Ohioans about the actions they can take to protect themselves and others before, during and after severe weather occurs.

**Names of the 36 regional, state and overall state winners**

(*) Denotes state winners  
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Jayden Friedman  
Carter Hellwarth  
Macy Ladd  
Nate Marischen*  
Kayleigh Palka  
Danika Rudder | Trumbull  
Fulton  
Mercer  
Ottawa  
Hamilton  
Cuyahoga  
Carroll |
| 2nd   | Tessa Bott*  
Corah Davis  
Alayna Gubics  
EmmaLeigha Hale  
Lilly Hudson  
Aulbrea Meade  
Nickolas Reichenbach  
Julia White | Franklin  
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Perry | 5th | Katie Adamson  
Xiomara Gandarilla  
Morgan Knieceley  
Mallory Logan*  
Jillian Magato  
Bailey O’Brien | Wood  
Cuyahoga  
Paulding  
Scioto  
Montgomery  
Trumbull |
| 3rd   | Grace Draeger*  
Cory Hempleman  
Dylan Means  
Jessie Moore  
Nicholas Windholtz  
Cullen Woodruff | Sandusky  
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Giana DeAlexandro  
Ethan Kammer**  
Lucille Schneider  
Jaden Smith* | Preble  
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All posters will be available to view on the Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness Web site: [www.weathersafety.ohio.gov](http://www.weathersafety.ohio.gov).

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