

ARTISTS & WRITERS WANTED BY LEAD AGENCY

WHAT CAN BE DONE? THINK, RESEARCH, REFLECT, ACT. YOUR ACTIONS CAN MATTER. YOUR VOICES CAN BE HEARD.

LEAD Agency invites local teachers to encourage your students to get involved with the environmental issues in their lives by entering posters, essays, stories, photos, poems, digital stories, songs, multimedia or film.

Themes:

- ***Moving on: Ton By Ton - Or Moving on: Ton By Ton***

The EPA has begun the removal of chat piles, (waste from lead and zinc mining) that cover the Tar Creek Superfund Site. Chat piles can be sold and hauled to buyers. The chat that can not be used will be piled until decisions are made on how best to deal with it.

Do you have ideas on what could be done with the leftover unusable chat?

What do you think about the land being cleared and cleaned after all these years?

Do you have an opinion you would share about the continued commercial use of chat?

- ***What has relocation meant to you?***

Buy-outs of residents in Picher, Cardin, Hockerville by EPA and the State of Oklahoma emptied these communities, first for lead poisoning hazards for children, then because of the eminent risk of cave-ins. Did you move or did others move to your hometown or school and how were you affected?

There have been several weather events that have changed people's lives. Were you affected by the tornado, ice storms, flood?

Climate change will affect communities around the world as the icecaps melt and the seas rise. Has climate change changed your life?

- ***Remember Handwashing Can Prevent Lead Poisoning***

As a child growing up in Ottawa County you may have had your blood tested for lead. Share your feelings and help us get the message out to other children that they can help themselves from lead poisoning and make sure that every child is safe in their own home and in their community.

- ***Tar Creek runs Through it***

Tar Creek runs through Commerce and Miami before it goes into the Neosho River. Do you have any memories of playing in or near it? Do you have hopes for eventual cleanup?

***Entries turned into the LEAD Agency office 2205 E. Steve Owens, Miami, OK 74354
by 4 pm September 17, 2010 will be considered in the Tar Creek Conference awards drawings.***

Name _____ Grade _____ Age _____
Teacher _____ School _____
Town _____ Tribe(if any) _____

Sign your name!

I am allowing my words and artwork to be duplicated by LEAD Agency, Inc. to help my environment and protect my health and the health and safety of others.

To be eligible for the drawing this form must be attached to your entry.

If your entry form is drawn, you win! Your teacher will be notified and your prize will be delivered to you.

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Additional entries on these themes are welcome throughout the 2010-11 school year.