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## **Northwest Health Foundation and Oregon Public Health Division announce high school student photo contest**

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As part of National Public Health Week (April 6-12), Northwest Health Foundation and the Oregon State Public Health Division are sponsoring a photo contest for Oregon students aged 13-18. Cash prizes are provided by the Northwest Health Foundation.

Students are asked to use digital cameras to capture images of what they believe makes a healthy community. They should submit their original photos, by March 31, 2009, to the Community Health Priorities website:

[www.communityhealthpriorities.org](http://www.communityhealthpriorities.org). Community Health Priorities is a statewide initiative of the Northwest Health Foundation aimed at creating environments where everyone can be healthy through community dialogue and public policy.

Winning photos will be exhibited on the Community Health Priorities website and during Public Health Week in Portland at the Portland State Office Building, 800 NE Oregon St. in Portland, and at the State Capitol in Salem.

### **The following prizes will be awarded:**

1st Prize \$250  
2nd Prize \$100  
3rd Prize \$50

Students are encouraged to consider any of the following themes in submitting their entries.

**Creative:** How can you get people to understand that health can be looked at in so many different ways? See if you can find creative ways to portray healthy (or unhealthy) situations.

**Ironic:** The world around us is full of contradictions or ironies. In public health this can take many forms. Can you capture this?

**Persuasive:** Can you take a picture that might persuade someone to change an unhealthy behavior? Or take on a certain healthy behavior or activity?

More details, including rules and submission information, are found on the Community Health Priorities website.

The mission of the Northwest Health Foundation is to advance, support and promote the health of communities in Oregon and southwest Washington. More information at [www.nwhf.org](http://www.nwhf.org). Or contact Chris Palmedo at [mcpalmedo@nwhf.org](mailto:mcpalmedo@nwhf.org)