

Iredell Soil & Water Conservation District
Presents the 2020 - 2021



POSTER CONTEST

Grades 3 - 6

THEME:

We All Live in a Watershed



Entry Deadline: Friday, January 29, 2021

Eligibility: All students grade 3 - 6 in Iredell County

Location: Contact Education Coordinator, Anna Edwards, to schedule pick-up and/or drop-off of poster entries.

Awards: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners will be selected on the District/County level. Awards will be presented in the Spring.

1st Place: \$25 2nd Place: \$15 3rd Place: \$10

Requirements: Along with the poster, please include: Student's first and last name, grade, home address, teacher's name, school, and District (Iredell).

Questions: Contact Anna Edwards, Education Coordinator at 704.873.6761 ext. 108 or annaedwards.sw@gmail.com

POSTER CONTEST RULES

The Poster Contest is sponsored by the N.C. Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (NCASWCD), which also set the rules.

The complete *Contests Handbook* can be found at www.iredellswcd.org. Click on *Education*, then *Contests*.

Theme: A set of five themes have been selected by the Association's Education Committee and adopted by the Association. These themes rotate on a yearly basis. The theme **does not** have to be written on the document.

2020-2021	We All Live in a Watershed
2021-2022	Soil & Water...Yours for Life
2022-2023	Water...the Cycle of Life
2023-2024	The Living Soil
2024-2025	Wetlands are Wonderful

Participant Eligibility: Separate contests will be held for 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students.

Contest Cycle: Runs concurrently with the school year and takes place in participating Districts.

Contest Procedure: Contests will be conducted on the District, Area, and State levels. District First Place winner in local contests will be eligible to enter the Area contest. Each Area First Place winner will be eligible to enter the State contest. Each contest coordinator shall see that contestants and judges have a copy of the rules and shall urge them to study these rules, especially the sections on content, specifications and judging criteria.

All posters entered into District sponsored competitions become the property of the respective District. These entities are entitled to use these essays for promotion of the Conservation District essay program.

Specifications: See **Poster Pointers** for tips found in the *Contests Handbook*.

All posters should be designed along the following specifications:

- Posters should be **NO** larger than 24 x 36 inches.
- Pictures and other materials may be securely mounted to the posters. Only flat or two dimensional materials may be used. **Mounted materials cannot stick out more than 1/8 of an inch from the paper.**
- Any coloring materials of the student's choice may be used.
- Posters must be the **original** work of the student. **Students should be made aware of copyright protection.** (See **Copyright Section.**)
- Posters should be submitted flat, not rolled.

Posters must be identified by submitting the following information on the second page of the document:

- Student's Name, Grade, Poster Title, Poster File Name, Student's Address, Teacher's Name, School, County (Iredell SWCD)

Judging Criteria: The Association has adopted a standard poster score sheet to be used for all contest levels. Posters will be judged on the following points:

Conservative Message 50%, Visual Effectiveness 25%, Universal Appeal 10%, Originality 10%, and Hand-drawn Elements 5%

Infractions:

Points will be deducted for the following infractions:

- Copyright Violation 5 points
- Exceeding the size limit 5 points

Awards:

District Level (County) – 1st Place \$25, 2nd Place \$15, 3rd Place \$10 (1st Place advances to Area Level.)

Area Level (13 Counties in NW NC) – 1st Place \$30, 2nd Place \$20, 3rd Place \$10 (1st Place advances to State Level.)

State Level – 1st Place \$200.00, 2nd Place \$100.00