

**Stokes Soil & Water Conservation District
presents the 2021 POSTER, ESSAY &
SLIDESHOW Contests – 2021 Theme Is...**

**Soil & Water...
Yours For Life**

For 6th Grade Students

QUESTIONS ? Contact Janice Pack at 336-593-2490 or email jpack@stokesswcd.net

THEME

Soil & Water...Yours For Life

CONTEST DATE

Friday, November 5, 2021

ENTRY DEADLINE

Friday, October 29, 2021

LOCATION

Call us and we will pick-up posters and/or essays at your school. Slideshow entries can be emailed to Janice Pack. Entries will be judged at Central Office in Danbury

CATEGORIES

Contest open to 6th grade students

AWARDS – (COUNTY LEVEL)

- 1st Place 6th Grade Poster – \$30
- 1st Place 6th Grade Essay – \$30
- 1st Place 6th Grade Slideshow – \$30

- 2nd Place 6th Grade Poster – \$15
- 2nd Place 6th Grade Essay – \$15
- 2nd Place 6th Grade Slideshow – \$15

*Awards given at Soil & Water
Banquet in May*

(Co-vid restrictions may apply)

REQUIREMENTS

On the back of each poster submitted please put the child's name, grade, home address, parent's names, teacher's name, and school name. [See following pages for a template to use on back of entries...](#)

contest rules and entry form templates on the following page...

POSTER CONTEST RULES

The poster contest is sponsored by the NC Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts, which also sets the rules.

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 poster. The approved theme and rotation schedule is as follows:

2018-2019	The Living Soil
2019-2020	Wetlands are Wonderful
2020-2021	We All Live in a Watershed
<u>2021-2022</u>	<u>Soil & Water...Yours for Life</u>

PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY: Separate contests will be held for 3-6 grades at the District (County), Area (13 Counties in Northwest NC) and State level.

CONTEST PROCEDURE: Contests will be conducted on the Conservation District, Area and State levels. All posters entered into the district sponsored competition become the property of the respective District. These entities are entitled to use these posters for promotion of the conservation district program. (Posters will be returned after the contests if requested by the teacher.)

SPECIFICATIONS: Posters should be designed along the following specifications:

- Posters should be no larger than 24 x 36 inches.
- **MOUNTED MATERIALS CANNOT STICK OUT MORE THAN 1/8" FROM PAPER (which is the thickness of a quarter.)**
- Any coloring materials available to students and suitable for poster work may be used.
- **Posters must be the original work of the individual student (no partnering with other students).** Students should be made aware of copyright protection. Hand drawn pictures are preferred over computer generated drawings. (Do not draw popular cartoon characters from TV this would be a copyright infringement and 5 points will be deducted.)
- Posters must be identified on the back with student's name, their parent's names, student's address, grade, teacher's name, school (see next page for poster identification slips).

JUDGING CRITERIA: Posters will be judged on the following points:

Conservation Message – 50%

Visual Effectiveness – 25%

Universal Appeal – 10%

Originality – 10%

Hand-Drawn Element – 5% (*NEW – extra points given if the student shows good skill with original hand drawn elements*)

INFRACTIONS: Points will be deducted for the following infractions:

Copyright violation minus 5 points

Exceeding the size limit minus 5 points

AWARDS:

District Level (County) – 1st Place \$30 2nd Place \$15 (1st Place will advance to Area Comp.)

Area Level (13 Counties in Northwest NC) – 1st Place \$75, 2nd Place \$35, 3rd Place \$25 (1st Place will advance to State Comp.)

State Level – 1st Place \$200, 2nd Place \$100

ESSAY CONTEST RULES

The Essay Contest is sponsored by the NC Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts which also sets the rules.

THEME: A set of titles has been selected by the Association's Education Committee and adopted by the Association. Essays must bear the current title of this essay contest. The approved theme and rotation schedule is as follows:

2018-2019	The Living Soil
2019-2020	Wetlands are Wonderful
2020-2021	We All Live in a Watershed
<u>2021-2022</u>	<u>Soil & Water...Yours for Life</u>

PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY: Contests will be held for 6th graders only, at the District (County), Area (13 Counties in Northwest NC) and State level.

CONTEST PROCEDURE: Contests will be conducted on the Conservation District, Area and State levels. All essays 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 program. *For clarification, the difference between an essay and a report, as applied to this contest, is as follows:*

Essay – A short composition dealing with a single subject from a personal point of view; facts may be interwoven into the essay which stimulates thinking.

Report – A formal presentation of facts in a report style.

SPECIFICATIONS:

Essays **MUST** be the **work of the individual student**;

Essays may be either **handwritten or typed on the computer**,

Essays **MUST** **bear the current title of this essay contest**;

Essay **MUST** be limited to **300-500 WORDS**

Essay **MUST** be **presented on 8 ½" x 11" paper**;

Essay **MUST** be **properly identified on the back** with student's name, student's address, parent's name, teacher's name, grade and school (**see next page for essay identification slips**).

JUDGING CRITERIA: Essays will be judged on the following points: Conservation Message & Originality – 50 points, Writing Style – 20 points, Organization – 20 points, Neatness – 10 points.

INFRACTIONS: POINTS WILL BE DEDUCTED FOR THE FOLLOWING INFRACTIONS:

Incorrect Length Limit – minus 5 points,

Incorrect Title – minus 5 points,

Incorrect Paper Size – minus 2 points.

AWARDS: *District Level (County)* – 1st Place \$30, 2nd Place \$15 (1st Place will advance to Area Competition),

Area Level (13 Counties in Northwest NC) – 1st Place \$75, 2nd Place \$35, 3rd Place \$25 (1st place will advance to State Competition),

State Level – 1st Place \$200, 2nd Place \$100

COMPUTER DESIGNED SLIDE SHOW CONTEST RULES

The Computer Designed Slide Show Contest is sponsored by the NC Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts, which also sets the rules.

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 poster. The approved theme and rotation schedule is as follows:

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2020-2021	We All Live in a Watershed
<u>2021-2022</u>	<u>Soil & Water...Yours for Life</u>

PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY: Contests will be held for 6th graders only, at the District (County), Area (13 Counties in Northwest NC) and State level.

CONTEST PROCEDURE: Contests will be conducted on the Conservation District, Area and State levels. All slide shows entered into the district sponsored competition become the property of the respective District. These entities are entitled to use these slide shows for promotion of the conservation district program.

SPECIFICATIONS: Slide shows should be designed along the following specifications.

- *The slide show shall contain no more than 15 slides of content. Fewer slides are allowed.*
- *The slide immediately following the slide show (slide number 16 if 15 slides are used) should be blank. The slide immediately following the blank slide (slide number 17 if 15 slides are used) should contain identifying information **(see next page)**.*
- ***Slide shows must be created so that they are viewable as a slide show on a PC computer in the soil & water conservation district office. If created in MS PowerPoint, files must be compatible with PowerPoint 2003 -ppt file.***
- *The use of audio (sound) is allowed.*
- *The use of slide animation is allowed.*
- *The use of video is prohibited. Slide shows using video will be disqualified.*
- *Slide shows shall not exceed a maximum of 5 minutes in length.*
- *The slide shows shall be submitted electronically.*
- *All slide shows will be judged electronically.*
- *Slide shows must be the **original work** of the individual student. Original work is created by the Student and shows a fresh, new idea. Students should be made aware of **copyright protection**.*

JUDGING CRITERIA: Slide Shows will be judged on the following points:

Conservation Message 50%; Visual Effectiveness 30%; Universal Appeal 10%; Originality 10%

INFRACTIONS: Points will be deducted for the following infractions:

Copyright violation - minus 5 points; Exceeding the maximum number of slides - minus 5 points; Exceeding the maximum time limit (5 minutes) – minus 5 points; Use of video - disqualification

AWARDS:

District Level (County) – 1st Place \$30, 2nd Place \$15 (1st Place will advance to Area Competition)

Area Level (13 Counties in Northwest NC) –1st Place \$75, 2nd Place \$35, 3rd Place \$25 (1st Place will advance to State Competition)

State Level – 1st Place \$200, 2nd Place \$100

STUDENT NAME: _____

STUDENT ADDRESS: _____

STUDENT'S PARENTS NAME: _____

TEACHER'S NAME: _____

SCHOOL: _____ GRADE: _____

STUDENT NAME: _____

STUDENT ADDRESS: _____

STUDENT'S PARENTS NAME: _____

TEACHER'S NAME: _____

SCHOOL: _____ GRADE: _____

STUDENT NAME: _____

STUDENT ADDRESS: _____

STUDENT'S PARENTS NAME: _____

TEACHER'S NAME: _____

SCHOOL: _____ GRADE: _____

****Slideshows must be identified by containing the following information on the final slide of the slide show:**

Student's Name: _____ Grade: 6TH GRADE

Slide Show Title: _____

Slide Show File Name: _____

Student's Address/Parents' Email, Phone: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

School: _____

County: STOKES

District: STOKES SWCD