

**Stokes Soil & Water Conservation District
presents the 2026 Slideshow Contest titled...**



We All Live In A Watershed

For students in grades 6-8

QUESTIONS ? Contact Amelia Harold at 336-593-2490 or email aharold@co.stokes.nc.us

THEME

We All Live In A Watershed

CONTEST DATE

Thursday, February 12, 2026

ENTRY DEADLINE

Wednesday, February 4, 2026

LOCATION

Email entries to aharold@co.stokes.nc.us **or** contact us and we will pick-up entries at your school if you can put them on a memory stick. Contest will be held at Central Office in Danbury.

CATEGORIES

Contest open to grades 6-8

AWARDS – (COUNTY LEVEL)

1st Place 6th Grade Poster – \$50

1st Place 7th Grade Poster – \$50

1st Place 8th Grade Poster – \$50

2nd Place 6th Grade Poster – \$30

2nd Place 7th Grade Poster – \$30

2nd Place 8th Grade Poster – \$30

*Awards given at Soil & Water
Banquet in May*

REQUIREMENTS

On the last slide of each entry submitted please put the **child's name, grade, slideshow title, slideshow file name, home address, teacher's name, and school name. See last page of this flyer for a template.**

contest rules & entry form template on the following page...

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

2022-2023	Water . . . the Cycle of Life
2023-2024	The Living Soil
2024-2025	Wetlands are Wonderful
2025-2026	We all live in a Watershed
2026-2027	Soil & Water...Yours for Life

PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY: Separate contests will be held for 6-8 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 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 \$50, 2nd Place \$30 (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

Slide shows must be identified by containing the following information on the final slide of the slide show:

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Slide Show Title: _____

Slide Show File Name: _____

Student's Address: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

School: _____

County: STOKES _____

District: STOKES SWCD _____