



Conservation Contests: Wetlands are Wonderful

Essay 6th Grade

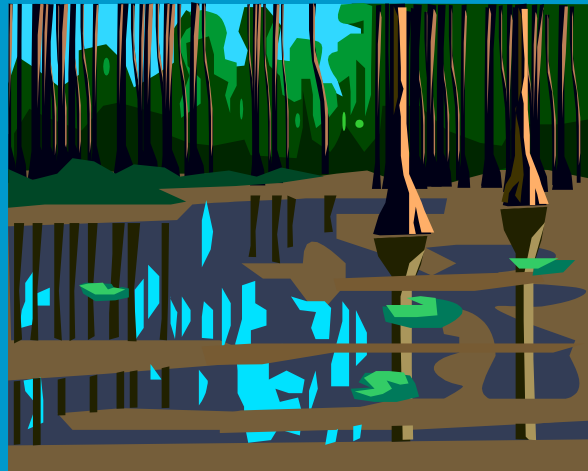
The Durham Soil & Water Conservation District is sponsoring our annual Conservation Education Essay Contests for Durham County students! The theme for the 2011-2012 contest is:

Wetlands are Wonderful

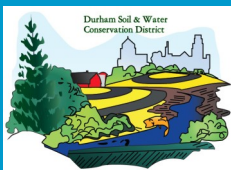
There will be a 1st and 2nd place award given in Durham County:

- 1st place - \$50 and poster entered in regional competition
- 2nd place - \$25

**Educators who have a 1st place winning student will receive \$30



This encompasses a wide range of topic ideas that the students can incorporate in their entries, such as ecology, conservation, natural resources, and will meet the NC DPI Standard Course of Study in a variety of Goals & Objectives.



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All contest entries are due to the Durham SWCD office by **February 10, 2012**. Please call, email or visit our website for complete rules and registration.

Theme - “Wetlands are Wonderful”

All entries should reflect the theme’s content and be a representation of what the student feels best exemplifies this topic. Students are encouraged to be original in their message. The judges will be looking for the essay that best provides the message to an audience while at the same time being original and creative.

Judging Criteria

Essays will be judged on content and writing skills as described on the score sheet.

- **Essays must be the work of the individual student!**
- **Essays may be either handwritten or typed on the computer.**

Infractions:

- Incorrect Length -5 points
- Current title not on essay -5 points
- Wrong paper size -2 points

Official Rules

Essays must:

- Bear the current title of the essay contest; ‘Wetlands are Wonderful’
 - Be limited to **300 – 500 words**.
 - Be presented on standard 8 ½” X 11” paper.
- NO NAMES ON THE FRONT, NO EXCEPTIONS!** Essays must be identified on the back using the official registration form (registration form can be requested from Durham SWCD staff at jbrooks@durhamcountync.gov)

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.

If your students are interested in competing in this, please call us at 919-560-0558, or email jbrooks@durhamcountync.gov to sign up!