

POSTER CONTEST

N.C. ASSOCIATION OF SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS



GRADE LEVEL: 3, 4, 5, 6

JUDGE: _____

DATE: _____

Poster Entry Number:		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
CONSERVATION MESSAGE: Message shows clear understanding of why this natural resource is important & explains how people can & should conserve this natural resource.	50 points								
VISUAL EFFECTIVENESS: readability (use of white space, type choice, neatness); originality; effect on audience (which poster will you remember next year?)	25 points								
UNIVERSAL APPEAL: easily understood by the general population	10 points								
ORIGINALITY: Entry expresses the contest theme in a fresh, inventive, or novel way of using independent thought and creative imagination, and using the unexpected to full advantage.	10 points								
HAND-DRAWN ELEMENTS: Shows good skill with original hand drawn elements.	5 points								
SUBTOTAL:									
INFRACTIONS:									
PERFECT SCORE: 100 points	TOTAL:								
INFRACTIONS: Violates Copyright: 5 points Exceeds size limit:5									

Adopted January 2016

**ESSAY CONTEST
N.C. ASSOCIATION OF SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS**



JUDGE: _____

GRADE: 6

DATE: _____

Essay Entry Number:		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
CONSERVATION MESSAGE & ORIGINALITY: Message shows clear understanding of why this natural resource is important & explains how people can & should conserve this natural resource. Entry expresses the contest theme in a fresh, inventive, or novel way of using independent thought and creative imagination, and using the unexpected to full advantage.	50 points								
WRITING STYLE: Innovative style (keeps your interest); correct use of grammar, spelling, punctuation; readability (clear message, easily understood by reader)	20 points								
ORGANIZATION: Proper paragraph transitions; opening-closing tie-in; sticks to theme	20 points								
NEATNESS:	10 points								
SUBTOTAL:									
INFRACTIONS:									
PERFECT SCORE: 100 points	TOTAL:								
INFRACTIONS:	INCORRECT LENGTH: 5 POINTS	CURRENT TITLE NOT USED: 5 POINTS	INCORRECT PAPER SIZE: 2 POINTS						

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COMPUTER DESIGNED SLIDE SHOW CONTEST

N.C. ASSOCIATION OF SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

GRADE LEVEL: 6

JUDGE: _____

DATE: _____

Slide Show Entry Number:	50 points	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
CONSERVATION MESSAGE: Message shows clear understanding of why this natural resource is important & explains how people can & should conserve this natural resource.	50 points								
VISUAL EFFECTIVENESS: Readability (use of white space, type choice, neatness); originality; effect on audience (which slide show will you remember next year?)	30 points								
UNIVERSAL APPEAL: Easily understood by the general population	10 points								
ORIGINALITY: Entry expresses the contest theme in a fresh, inventive, or novel way of using independent thought and creative imagination, and using the unexpected to full advantage.	10 points								
SUBTOTAL:									
INFRACTIONS:									
PERFECT SCORE: 100 points									
TOTAL:									

INFRACTIONS: Violates Copyright: 5 points Exceeds slide limit (15 slides max): 5 points Exceeds time limit (5 minutes): 5 points
Uses video: Disqualification

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PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts



JUDGE: _____ TITLE: _____ DATE: _____ GRADE: 7 8 *Give your life*

* Perfect Score = 100 points (Total of CONTENT + SPEAKING SKILLS)

* Infractions: Outside the 4-6 minute time limit: minus 5 points

Use of visual aids: minus 5 points

Gives personal identification: minus 5 points

*A timekeeper will inform the judges of the contestants' official time.

CONTENT CRITERIA		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
A. CONSERVATION MESSAGE: 20 Points Message shows clear understanding of why this natural resource is important & explains how people can & should conserve this natural resource.									
B. ORGANIZATION 15 Points Presented in meaningful order, shows continuity of ideas, uses orderly flow of thoughts, uses good transitions between thoughts									
C. ORIGINALITY 5 Points Entry expresses the contest theme in a fresh, inventive, or novel way of using independent thought and creative imagination, and using the unexpected to full advantage.									
D. SKILLFUL USE OF FACTS, EXAMPLES, DESCRIPTIONS AND ANALOGIES 10 Points Good choice of material, makes sense, factual, accurate, quotes are correct and appropriate. Elements of the speech flow together well and contribute to the quality of the presentation. Facts, examples, descriptions and analogies add to the quality of the presented message									
CONTENT SUB-TOTAL									

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JUDGE: _____ **TITLE:** _____ **DATE:** _____ **GRADE:** 7 8

*Students and judges should be informed of the judging criteria before the contest begins
 *Perfect Score = 100 points (Total of CONTENT + SPEAKING SKILLS)

*Infractions: Outside the 4-6 minute time limit: minus 5 points
 Use of visual aids: minus 5 points
 Gives personal identification: minus 5 points

*A timekeeper will inform the judges of the contestants' official time.

SPEAKING SKILLS CRITERIA	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
A. VOICE AND DICTION 15 Points Quality and variety (not monotone), inflection, enunciation, pronunciation, proper emphasis, projection and control, appropriate volume								
B. STYLE 20 Points Rapport with the audience, word selection, no distracting mannerisms, appealing presentation								
C. BODY LANGUAGE 15 Points Eye contact, posture and poise, hand gestures used with restraint and good taste								
SPEAKING SKILLS SUB-TOTAL								
STUDENT'S OFFICIAL TIME (must be within 4-6 minutes)								
FINAL SCORING SECTION								
CONTENT SUB-TOTAL								
+ SPEAKING SKILLS SUB-TOTAL								
= TOTAL								
- INFRINGEMENTS (if any, subtract points)								
= FINAL TOTAL								

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COMPUTER DESIGNED POSTER CONTEST
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JUDGE: _____ GRADE: 9

DATE: _____

Computer Poster Entry Number:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
CONSERVATION MESSAGE: 50 points Message shows clear understanding of why this natural resource is important & explains how people can & should conserve this natural resource.								
VISUAL EFFECTIVENESS: 30 points Readability (use of white space, type Choice, neatness); originality; effect on Audience (which poster will you remember next year?)								
UNIVERSAL APPEAL: 10 points Easily understood by the general Population								
ORIGINALITY: 10 points Entry expresses the contest theme in a fresh, inventive, or novel way of using independent thought and creative imagination, and using the unexpected to full advantage.								
SUBTOTAL:								
INFRACOCTIONS:								
PERFECT SCORE: 100 points								
TOTAL:								
INFRACOCTIONS: Copyright violation: 5 POINTS Exceeding the 24" X 36" size limits: 5 POINTS								

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