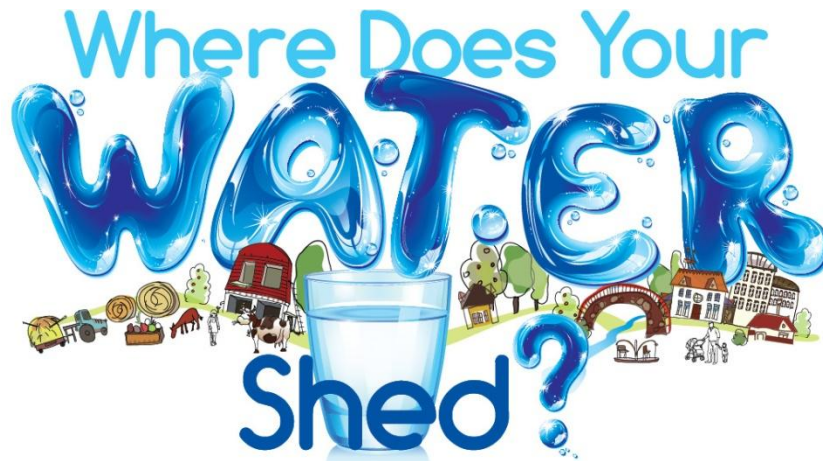


2013 Conservation District Poster Contest



We all live in a **watershed**—an area that drains to a common waterway, such as a stream, river, lake, estuary, wetland, aquifer, or even the ocean. Within a watershed, all the rain, hail, sleet, or snow that falls eventually flows to the same water body. The water may travel over land as surface water or underground as groundwater. Many small watersheds make up larger watersheds. The water moves from river to river until it eventually makes its way to the ocean.

Homes, businesses, cities, towns, roads, farms, and forests lie within watersheds. Watersheds are affected by people; when we pollute, we damage the watershed and reduce water quality. When we conserve water, prevent pollution, and take actions to clean up our waterways, we improve the watershed and water quality. Do you know where water sheds, or goes, in your community?

We invite Richland County K-12 students to create a poster titled “Where Does Your Water Shed?” The poster should tell the story of our watersheds and should impart a conservation message.

Rules

- The 2013 theme “Where Does Your Water Shed?” must be on the poster. Do not use any other title.
- Posters must be created by individual students rather than teams of students.
- Any media may be used to create a flat or 2-D effect: paint, crayon, colored pencil, charcoal, stickers, paper, or other materials. There is no “computer only” special category.
- Poster size must be between 8.5”x11” and 22”x28”.
- Posters should be packaged so they remain flat when sent for judging.

Criteria

The posters are evaluated on the following criteria:

- Conservation message (50%)
- Visual effectiveness (30%)
- Originality (10%)
- Universal appeal (10%)

Prizes

County: 1st place -- \$50 2nd place -- \$30 3rd place -- \$20

County winners will be eligible to compete in the state competition, and state winners will be eligible to compete in the NACD National Poster Contest. For more information, visit <http://nacdnet.org/education/contests/>.

Deadline: August 15, 2013

Submission: Complete the entry form below and attach it to the back of the poster. Package posters so they remain flat when sent for judging. Submit posters as hard copies to:



Richland Soil and Water Conservation District

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Questions? Contact Chanda Cooper at cooperc@rcgov.us or (803) 576-2080.

Poster Contest Entry Form

Attach to back of poster

Grade level in fall 2013 (please): K-1 2-3 4-6 7-9 10-12

Student's First Name _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ E-mail _____

School Name (in fall 2013) _____ Grade (in fall 2013) _____ Age _____

The poster is an original completed by the student.

The student received assistance from another person or materials/ideas from another source. If so, please explain on another piece of paper.

Teacher (in fall 2013) _____

Type of School Public Private Home School

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ E-mail _____

Parent or guardian name (printed) _____

Signature of parent or guardian allowing NACD/District to use the poster for educational or promotional purposes:

_____ Date _____