

Tri-County/City Soil & Water 2021 Conservation Poster Contest

The Annual Conservation Poster Contest, sponsored by the National Association of Conservation Districts, helps students interpret the importance of our natural resources and convey that using art and imagination. The contest is open to all K-12 students in public, private, and homeschools and includes local, state, and national competitions for grade categories K-1st, 2nd-3rd, 4th-6th, 7th-9th and 10th-12th. Winners of the national competition in each grade category receive cash prizes and are recognized at the Annual Meeting of the National Association of Conservation Districts.

Any Girl or Boy Scout who creates a poster and submits to their local Soil & Water Conservation District for judging can earn the Virginia Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts (VASWCD) Poster Contest Patch. When submitting a poster to earn the Poster Contest Patch, be sure to check the box on the entry form.



2021 Contest Slogan

Healthy Forests, Healthy Communities

Trees are vital. As the biggest plants on the planet, they absorb carbon from the atmosphere, stabilize the soil, filter water, provide healthy habitat for wildlife, and offer many additional benefits for nature, people, and biodiversity. Not only is it necessary to protect existing trees and plant new ones, but it's also important to advocate and educate about trees and forest conservation within your community.

Rules

- + Any 2-D media may be used, including paint, crayon, colored pencil, charcoal, stickers, paper, or other materials. Collage is acceptable but must be 2-D only. **The poster must be FLAT and 14" x 22" (typically half a poster-board).**
- + All posters must be created by an **individual student**, rather than a team of students.
- + The 2020 Stewardship slogan, "Healthy Forests, Healthy Communities", **must be included** on the front side of each poster submission to be eligible for the national poster contest.
- + Each entry must be submitted to Tri-County/City or your local SWCD **with an entry form** to be eligible for judging. The form must be completed and signed by a parent or guardian.
- + Although younger students will most likely receive help in planning from parents or teachers, each student is encouraged to do their own work.
*****Note:** Entries with student handwriting and coloring will score better than those designed, drawn, or colored by adult assistance.

Prizes

- + The top three posters in each category of the national contest will receive monetary prizes. First place winners will receive \$200, second place winners will receive \$150, and 3rd place winners will receive \$100.
- + Monetary prizes at the national level are sponsored by the NACD Auxiliary from their quilt project and the Albert I Pierce Foundation.

Resources

- + Visit the NACD Poster Contest site for additional resources, free activities and lesson ideas:
<http://www.nacdnet.org/general-resources/stewardship-and-education-materials/contests>
- + Or contact Tri-County/City Education Coordinator, Mariya Hudick for more information!
mariya.hudick@tccswcd.org



2021 NACD/VASWCD POSTER CONTEST

Local Entry Form

Submit all entries to:

Tri -County/City Soil & Water Conservation District
4811 Carr Drive, Fredericksburg, VA 22408

DEADLINE

May 31, 2021 by 4:30 PM

Please see contest rules on the next page.

Attach this registration form to the back of your poster.

Please check
appropriate category:

K-1 st	
2 nd -3 rd	
4 th -6 th	
7 th -9 th	
10 th -12 th	

This poster is being
submitted to earn a
Scout VASWCD
Poster Contest Patch

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STUDENT

First Name: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ E-mail: _____

School Name: _____ Grade: _____ 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.

SCHOOL

Teacher: _____

Public School: _____ Private School: _____ Home School: _____

Address: _____ Phone: (_____) _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Parent or guardian name (printed): _____

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

_____ Date: _____

SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

SWCD Name: _____ Tri-County/City Soil & Water Conservation District

Contact Name: _____ Mariya Hudick

E-mail Address: _____ mariya.hudick@tccswcd.org

Questions?

Contact Tri-County/City Soil & Water Conservation District Education Coordinator, **Mariya Hudick**
mariya.hudick@tccswcd.org

Or visit <http://vaswcd.org/poster-contest> for more information.