

## POSTER CONTEST



**Grades 3-6 !!!**

Draw a picture on poster board (up to 24"x36") about the current theme. Judging based on conservation message, visual effectiveness, universal appeal, and originality. A brief, catchy message that makes viewers want to do something, with color and white space to get and hold attention will usually win over a busy, non relevant message.

Students participating should be aware of the following definitions:

**Conservation:** the wise use of natural resources (soil, water, air, plants, animals) to fulfill human needs now and in the future.

**Soil Conservation:** to use and manage soil wisely, protecting it from erosion and keeping it out of waterways.

**Water Conservation:** to protect water quality and quantity by keeping it clean, using less water, & managing it wisely.

**All Poster, Essay and Public Speaking Contests entries must be submitted by the deadline set by your local district office.**

**County winners will advance to area competitions and Area winners to state competitions.**

## PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST



**Grades 7 & 8 !!!**

- Contestants write and present a 4 - 6 minute speech about current theme at local level before 3-5 judges. County First place winners advance to Area Competition.
- Judged on content & speaking skills as set forth in contest guidelines. No visual aids or personal information allowed.

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## ESSAY CONTEST



**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Only !!!**

Each essay entry must:

- ✓ Bear the current title of this essay contest
- ✓ Be limited to 300-500 words
- ✓ Be presented on 8.5" X 11" paper
- ✓ Complete an entry form

## ENVIROTHON COMPETITION



- Open to **Grades 5-8 and 9-12**, five member teams with advisor and alternate team members.
- Envirothon teams compete in Area competition - top 7 teams in middle and high school advance to State Competition.
- Competition focuses on 5 areas:

**WILDLIFE**

**WATER QUALITY**

**FORESTRY**

**SOILS**

**CURRENT ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES**

Open to all schools, public and private, home and Church schools, FFA groups, and Clubs. All team members must be from the same school.

Website: [www.ncenvirothon.org](http://www.ncenvirothon.org)

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## RESOURCE CONSERVATION WORKSHOP

**Rising 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Graders**

- For students who have demonstrated an interest in our natural resources and conservation thereof.
- N. C. State University Campus - full week in June - Districts pay all or share cost of workshop expenses.

***Several scholarships awarded based on test scores and participation!***



- Fifty-five lessons ready to teach – in English and some in Spanish
- Grades K-12
- Correlated to the NC Standard Course of Study
- **Connecting Students to the World Around Them** with lessons on...
  - Plants, animals, agriculture, biotechnology, economics, land and its carrying capacity.
  - Composting, soils, water quality, and people celebrating differences.
  - Clothing, communications, cultural diversity, government, global
  - Connections, hunger, population growth and senses.

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Check the handbook for complete themes, rules, and regulations of each contest

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