



Poster Contest Entry Form

Attach to back of poster

Please circle appropriate grade group:

6 7-9 10-12

STUDENT

First Name _____ M.I. _____ Last _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____ E-mail _____

School Name _____ Grade _____ Age _____

Please circle one:

Yes or No This poster is the original work of the student named above.

Yes or No The student received assistance from another person or materials/ideas from another source. If "yes", please explain on another piece of paper.

SCHOOL/GROUP/ORGANIZATION

Contact _____ School/Org _____

Email address _____

Please circle one: Public School Private School Home School Organization Other

Address _____ Phone (____) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Parent or guardian name (printed) _____

Parent E-mail address _____

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

_____ Date _____

CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Name Charles Soil Conservation District

Contact Dee Dee Saunders

Address 4200 Gardiner Road Phone (301) 638-3028

City Waldorf State MD Zip 20601

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POSTER CONTEST

Charles County Middle & High School Students

Soil is an amazing substance. A complex mix of minerals, air, and water, soil also teems with countless micro-organisms, and the decaying remains of once-living things. Soil is made of life and soil makes life.

To the farmer, soil is where crops grow.
To the engineer, soil is a foundation upon which to build.
To the ecologist, soil supports communities of living things.
To the archaeologist, soil holds clues to past cultures.
To the city dweller, soil nurtures grass and gardens.
To the soil scientist, soil is all of these things.
Soil has been called "the skin of the earth" because it is the thin outermost layer of the Earth's crust.
Like our own skin, we can't live without soil.

Source: Soil Science Society of America



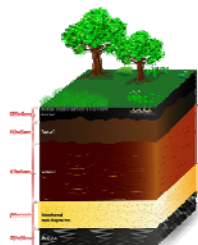
Posters are due: **Friday, June 2, 2017**

Questions: Dee Dee Saunders 301-638-3028
DeeDee.Saunders@md.nacdnet.net

Charles Soil Conservation District
4200 Gardiner Road
Waldorf, MD 20601

Who Can Participate ?

The Poster contest is open to all Charles County students in grades 6-12. Contestants may be from public, private or home schools, an organization (like 4-H) or independently submitted.



Rules

- Any media may be used to create a flat or two-dimensional effect (paint, crayon, colored pencil, charcoal, stickers, paper or other materials on regular posters (no computer only special category) Poster size must be 14" x 22".
- Posters should be packaged so they remain flat when sent for judging.
- All posters must be created by an individual student rather than a team of students.
- The 2017 theme "HEALTHY SOILS ARE FULL OF LIFE!" must be on your poster. (Don't use any other title)
- Names must be on back of posters and must have entry form signed to be eligible for judging.
- Poster must be original creation of the contestant and may not be traced from photographs or other artists' works.

Poster Evaluations

The posters are evaluated on the following criteria:

- Conservation message (50 percent)
- Visual effectiveness (30 percent)
- Originality (10 percent) and
- Universal appeal (10 percent).

Prizes

- Charles County 1st Place (each grade group): Target gift card & state contest entry submission
- Charles County 2nd Place (each grade group): Target gift card
- State winners will be eligible for NACD National Poster Contest and prizes (\$100-200 for 1st, 2nd and 3rd per grade group).

Additional information: Visit <http://nacdnet.org/education/contests/>

Resources

Visit the websites below when researching information related to your project. Check your local library for more resources on the importance of soils and healthy nutrition.

What is soil?

http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps.portal/nrcs/detail/soils/edu/?cid=nrcs142p2_054280

Do you have a clue where your food comes from?

<http://extension.illinois.edu/food/>

Healthy soils for a healthy life

<http://www.fao.org/soils-2015/news/news-detail/en/>

The challenge of feeding our world

<https://www.nutrientsforlife.org/for-students>

The story of the soil

<https://www.soils.org/discover-soils/i-heart-soil>

Amount of each food group you need daily

<https://www.choosemyplate.gov/MyPlate-Daily-Checklist>

State ag facts

http://www.agclassroom.org/kids/ag_facts.htm

My first garden

<http://extension.illinois.edu/firstgarden/planning/school.cfm>

All about soil

<http://www.soils4kids.org/about>

Gardening for nutrition

<http://faitc.org/teachers/gardening-for-nutrition/>

Soil conservation

<http://www.eschooltoday.com/soils/what-is-soil-conservation.html>

Healthy soil for life

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main>

Life under your feet

<http://lifeunderyourfeet.org/en/soileco/intro/>

Soil and health

<https://www.soil-net.com/legacy/schools/>

National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD)

www.nacdnet.org stewardship@nacdnet.org