

**Iredell Soil & Water Conservation District
Presents the 2018 - 2019**



Computer Designed Poster Contest

“The Living Soil” for students in grade 9



- Contest Theme:** The Living Soil
- Entry Deadline:** January 31, 2019
- Category:** Iredell County students in grade 9
- Location:** Presentations will need to be burned to a CD and delivered to Iredell SWCD office at 444 Bristol Dr. Statesville or e-mailed to Louise.Wooten3@gmail.com
- Awards:** 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will be selected for grade 9 on the county level.
1st Place: \$25, 2nd Place: \$15, 3rd Place: \$10
Awards will be presented in the Spring.
- Requirements:** A handbook with complete contest rules can be found at www.Iredellswcd.org Click on Education, then Contests.
- Questions:** Contact Louise Wooten, Education Coordinator at 704.873.6761 x 108 or Louise.Wooten3@gmail.com

COMPUTER DESIGNED POSTER CONTEST RULES

The Computer Designed Poster Contest is sponsored by the NC Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, which also set the rules. Visit www.iredellswcd.org and click on Education, then Contests for the Contests Handbook.

THEME: A set of five themes have been selected by the Association's Education Committee and adopted by the Association. These themes rotate on a yearly basis. The theme does not have to be written on the slide show. The approved theme and rotation schedule is as follows:

2018-2019 The Living Soil

2019-2020 Wetlands are Wonderful

2020-2021 We all live in a Watershed

2021-2022 Soil & Water...Yours for Life

2022-2023 Water...the Cycle of Life

PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY: The contest will be held for **9th grade students** at District, Area and State levels.

CONTEST PROCEDURE: Contests will be conducted on the District, Area, and State levels. District First Place winners will be eligible to enter the Area contests, and Area First Place winners will be eligible to enter the State contest. Each contest coordinator shall see that contestants and judges have a copy of the rules and shall urge them to study these rules, especially the sections on content, specifications, copyright and judging criteria. All posters entered into the District sponsored competition become the property of the respective District. These entities are entitled to use these posters for promotion of the Conservation District program.

SPECIFICATIONS:

- Posters should be designed along the following specifications. See Poster Pointer for tips in the Contest Handbook.
- Posters shall be designed so that if they were to be printed on paper they would be no larger than 24 x 36 inches.
- Poster orientation may be portrait or landscape.
- Posters may be created using any software of the student's choice.
- The poster should be submitted electronically in one of the following approved file formats.
 - GIF Graphics Interchange Format
 - JPEG File Interchange Format
 - PDF Adobe Acrobat File
 - PNG Portable Network Graphics Format
 - PPT Microsoft PowerPoint File
 - PUB Microsoft Publisher File
 - TIFF Tag Image File Format
- All posters will be judged electronically. There is no requirement for them to be printed.
- Posters must be the **original work** of the individual student. Original work is created by the student and shows a fresh, new idea. Students should be made aware of **copyright protection**. (See copyright section in handbook.)

Posters must be identified by submitting the following information on the second page of the poster document:

Student's Name, Grade, Poster Title, Poster File Name, Student's Address, Teacher's Name, School, County, District (Iredell SWCD)

JUDGING CRITERIA:

Conservation Message 50%, Visual Effectiveness 30%, Universal Appeal 10%, Originality 10%

INFRACTIONS: Points will be deducted for the following infractions:

- Copyright violation - 5 points
- Exceeding the 24" x 36" size limit - 5 points

AWARDS:

District Level (County) - 1st Place \$25, 2nd Place \$15, 3rd Place \$10 (1st Place will advance to Area Level.)

Area Level (12 Counties in NW NC) - 1st Place \$30, 2nd Place \$20, 3rd Place \$10 (1st Place advances to State Level.)

State Level -1st Place \$200, 2nd Place \$100