

Iredell Soil & Water Conservation District



2018 – 2019 Public Speaking Contest

“The Living Soil” for students in grades 7 & 8



- Contest Theme:** The Living Soil
- Entry Deadline:** January 31, 2019
- Category:** Iredell County students in grade 7 and 8
- Location:** Contact Iredell SWCD office at 444 Bristol Dr. Statesville or call 704.873.6761 x 108 or e-mail Louise.Wooten3@gmail.com.
- Awards:** 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will be selected for grade 7 and grade 8 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

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST RULES

The Public Speaking Contest is sponsored by the NC Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts, which also sets the rules. The Contests Handbook can be found at www.iredellswcd.org. Click on Education, then Contests.

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 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: Seventh grade competition is open to 7th grade students. The eighth grade competition is open to 8th grade students.

CONTEST PROCEDURE: Contests will be conducted on the Conservation District, Area and State levels. District First Place winners will be eligible to enter 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 contest and judging criteria.

The contents and videotapes made of all speeches entered into District sponsored competition become the property of the respective District, Area, or the Association. These entities are entitled to use the contents and video of these speeches for promotion of the Conservation District program.

TIME LIMIT: The speech is limited from 4 to 6 minutes. If any speech is under 4 minutes or over 6 minutes, then 5 points will be subtracted from the final score by the judges. An official timekeeper will be appointed for all contests (District, Area, and State).

JUDGING CRITERIA: The NCASWCD adopted a standard score card to be used for all contest levels. Students will be judged on content and speaking skills as described on the score sheet. Visual aids may not be used. Contestants shall identify themselves by their assigned number only or not at all. Personal information such as name, school and hometown cannot be given.

INFRACTIONS: Points will be deducted for the following infractions:

- Use of visual aids 5points
- Over or under the time limit 5 points
- Giving personal information 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 will advance to State Level.)

State Level – 1st Place \$200.00, 2nd Place \$100.00