

2017 Kane-DuPage Soil & Water Stewardship Poster Contest

Sponsored by the Kane-DuPage Soil and Water Conservation District



The Kane-DuPage Soil and Water Stewardship Poster Contest provides school students with an opportunity to share their thoughts about natural resource issues.

Eligibility

The Soil and Water Stewardship Poster Contest is open to all K-12 public, private, or home school students that live in Kane and DuPage Counties.

Prizes

A gift card of \$25 will be awarded to the grand-prize winner and a \$15 gift card will be awarded to the first runner-up in the K-1, 2-3 and 4-6 grade divisions. A \$50 gift card will be awarded to the grand-prize winner and a \$25 gift card will be awarded to the first runner-up in 7-9 and 10-12 grade divisions.

Grand prize winners will be notified in late May. Grand prize posters from each grade division will compete in the Association of Illinois Soil and Water Conservation District's Auxiliary Poster contest with the possibility of advancing to the National Conservation Poster Contest.

Contest Rules

- Any media (paint, crayon, colored pencil, charcoal,

paper) may be used to create a flat or two-dimensional effect.

However, posters should be able to be shipped flat.

- Posters must be between 8.5"X11" and 22"x28" in size.
- Posters must be original works by individual students. Artwork may not be copied or duplicated published art including copyright free images.
- Posters should reflect the theme. The 2016 Stewardship title "**We all need trees**" must be on the poster. The title can be with or without a hyphen.
- All posters must have a completed and signed entry form attached to the back of the poster.
- Posters must be mailed or delivered to the Kane-DuPage Soil and Water Conservation District office, 2315 Dean St. Suite 100, St. Charles no later than Friday, April 29.

Questions?

Call the SWCD office at (630)584-7961 Ext. 3 with any questions regarding the contest.

For information on the theme and what makes a good poster visit www.kanedupageswcd.org.

Theme

The theme for this year's contest is "**We all need trees**". Trees are essential to life on our planet. Through photosynthesis, trees convert the Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) that mammals exhale into

Oxygen (O₂) that we breathe in. In addition, trees give us many products including wood, paper, and food. Properly placed trees can also increase property value, reduce energy costs, and create safer and more sociable neighborhoods.

Judging

Posters entered in the Soil and Water Stewardship poster contest will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Conservation message**
50 percent
- Visual effectiveness**
30 percent
- Originality**
10 percent
- Universal appeal**
10 percent

Posters will not be returned!

They may be picked up at the District office after May 29.

