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2017 Conservation Speech Contest Guidelines

State Contest – **Wednesday, March 15th, 2017** at The Osthoff Resort, Elkhart Lake, WI

Contest Division

1. Elementary Division... (3-5 minute speeches).....Students enrolled in grades 5-6.
2. Junior Division..... (5-8 minute speeches).....Students enrolled in grades 7-8.
3. Senior Division..... (5-8 minute speeches).....Students enrolled in grades 9-12.

Subject Matter

Speeches must promote the conservation of natural resources and the protection or enhancement of environmental quality. Topics should address soil and water conservation issues. Emphasis should be placed on the subject as it relates to your locality or to the state of Wisconsin.

Authenticity and accuracy of information is important and the speaker should demonstrate familiarity with the subject matter. Feel free to contact Natural Resource professionals as they can provide knowledge on numerous topics. The internet is a rich resource, however not all internet sources are reliable. When using the internet consider your source.

All speeches should be backed up by facts. Both sides of an issue should be presented in a fair and non-accusatory manner. Using names of people or businesses will not be accepted.

Sanction

All contest materials distributed by counties should include the following statement of sanction: “This activity is approved on the Association of Wisconsin School Administrators Advisory List.”

Visual Aids

Use of visual aids (posters, charts, etc.) is prohibited; however, notes may be used.

Speeches

A speech, in part or whole, used in this contest in previous years may not be used again. However, speeches used for other speaking events may be used. Group presentations are not allowed.

County Contest

An individual student may only enter in one county level speech contest, either in the county in which they reside or in the county in which they attend school. If the county an individual lives in does not host a speaking contest, the individual may seek permission from another county to enter their contest. The winners of each division in each county may compete in the area association contests. **Students must compete in a county and/or area contest to qualify in the state contest. All contest entry forms must be signed by a parent or guardian.**

Area Contest

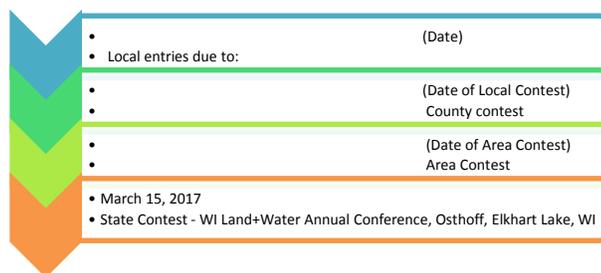
Local county winner will advance to their area contest. Please view our website for your area contest dates, <http://wisconsinlandwater.org/events/youth-poster-amp-speaking-contest> . The results of the area contest (including the parental/guardian signature, legible names, addresses and counties of residence of the winners) shall be sent by the area contest coordinator to all county contest coordinators immediately following the contest for state contest set-up and publicity purposes.

The area association committees and coordinators are responsible for arranging the participation of its three winning speakers (1st place in each division) in the state contest.

Contest Scheduling

County and area association contests should be completed by **Wednesday, February 22, 2017**. For your local contest dates, please

visit <http://wisconsinlandwater.org/events/youth-poster-amp-speaking-contest>.



State Contest

State contest entry forms for each area contest winner must be received at the WI Land+Water office no later than **Wednesday, February 22, 2017**. The state contest will be held in the morning of Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at The Osthoff Resort, Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin. **Registration will be from 9:00am-9:30am**. First place winners in each division are invited to present their winning speeches at the 2017 WI Land+Water Annual Conference Luncheon that same day at **11:00am**.

Judges will be resource professionals and may ask questions of the speakers. Such questioning shall be done to explore the speaker's knowledge of the subject matter.

State contest RSVP must be completed by **Wednesday, February 22, 2017** and immediately forwarded to the WI Land+Water office. If you are planning to come in the night before and wish to book a hotel room please contact Kim Warkentin at kim@wisconsinlandwater.org by Wednesday, February 22 to receive the state rate at the Osthoff. For publicity purposes at the state level, be sure to include the full mailing address of your local newspaper. Division winner's information will be sent by the state coordinator to the media outlets. **All state contest entry forms must be completely filled out and signed by a parent or guardian and received in the WI Land+Water office no later than Wednesday, February 22, 2017 in order for the student to be eligible to compete.**

2016 State Speech Winners

(pictured with Mariah Haberman, Discover Wisconsin co-host and Jim Vandebrook, WI Land+Water Director)



Clara Koles
Elementary Division
Waupaca County



Sophia Tibayan
Junior Division
Pierce County



Sydney Schunck
Senior Division
Washburn County



2017 Conservation Awareness Speaking Contest County Level Entry Form

****Please fill out completely and legibly****

TITLE OF SPEECH _____

STUDENT

First Name _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____ E-mail _____

Grade _____ Age _____ Parent/guardian name (printed) _____

REQUIRED Signature of parent or guardian certifies that the information provided is accurate and allows local land conservation departments, WI Land+Water, and NACD to utilize the photos for educational or promotional purposes:

X _____ Date _____

Please  Appropriate Level

Elementary
• 5-6 grades

Junior
• 7-8 grades

Senior
• 9-12 grades

LOCAL MEDIA

Name of your local newspaper: _____

Newspaper Telephone Number: _____

Newspaper Email: _____

SCHOOL

- Public School Private School Home School

Teacher Name _____

School Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail address _____ Phone (_____) _____



COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

County _____

Area _____

Contact _____ Title _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail Address _____ Phone (_____) _____