Did you know that:

- Almost all the food you eat, material for the clothes you wear, and wood for the house you live in is produced by soil?
- There are thousands of different types of soil across the world? The USA alone has more than 70,000 varieties of soil.
- It takes 500 years to produce an inch of topsoil, which is the most productive layer of soil?
- About 70% of the weight of a text book or magazine is soil?
- Soil is alive? There are more microorganisms in a handful of soil than there are people on Earth.
- Almost all the antibiotics we take to help us fight infections and disease were obtained from soil microorganisms?
- Some animals, like chimpanzees in Uganda eat soil? This lets them absorb nutrients in harmful foods.
- Soil is a non-renewable natural resource? This should make us think of how much we value it.

Poster Contest Entry Form

Please check appropriate category:

___K-1 ___2-3 ___4-6 ___7-9 ___10-12

National Association of Conservation Districts

STUDENT

Name First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____
Address: _____
Student's Age: _____ Grade Level: _____

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 answered "yes," please include a brief explanation on another piece of paper.

PARENT/GUARDIANS SIGNATURE X_____ **DATE** _____

Printed name of parent or guardian name: _____

Parent/Guardians signature will allow NACD/the Conservation District listed below to utilize poster submission for educational or promotional purposes.

Email Address _____Phone Number: (____)_____

SCHOOL/GROUP/ORGANIZATION

Please choose:

_____ Public School _____ Private School_____Home School
_____Organization_____ Other
Name: _____Contact Person: _____
Email Address: _____
Address: _____ City:_____State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone Number: (_____)_____

CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Name: _____
Contact Person: _____Email Address: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone Number: (_____)_____

IMPORTANT: PLEASE PLACE THIS FORM ON THE BACK OF THE POSTER

QUESTIONS? CONTACT:

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
PHONE: _____
EMAIL: _____

For more information please visit:

http://www.nacdnet.org/general-resources/stewardship-and-education-materials/contests/

2019 NACD and NACD Auxiliary Poster Contest

CONTEST RULES

⇒ **Only digital posters** (photographs or scanned copies of the hand drawn posters in a JPEG format) will be **accepted at the national level.** Photographs must be clear and well-framed. **It is the local district/state association/auxiliary/agency's decision what size and what kind of poster (hand drawn or digital) they accept for your local or state contest.**

⇒ All posters must be created by an individual student, rather than a team of students.

⇒ **The 2019 theme "Life in the Soil: Dig Deeper" must be included on the front side of each poster.**

⇒ Each entry for the national contest must be submitted to NACD with an **entry form** to be eligible for judging. The form must be completed and signed by a parent or guardian.

⇒ Although younger students will most likely receive help in planning from parents or teachers, NACD encourages each student to do their own work. (Note: Entries with student handwriting and coloring will score better than those designed, drawn, and colored by adult assistance.)

⇒ Only official state poster contest sponsors can submit entries for the national contest. Entries must be emailed by **December 1, 2019** to **stewardship@nacdnet.org.**

POSTER EVALUATION

National Poster Contest entries are reviewed based on the following criteria:

- Conservation message (50 percent) (Poster uses correct theme)
- Visual effectiveness (30 percent)
- Originality (10 percent) and
- Universal appeal (10 percent)

PRIZES

Local awards and recognition will be given.

State winners will be eligible for NACD's National Poster Contest and prizes.

All poster entries should be sent to your local conservation district.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

The Poster Contest is open to all public, private and homeschooled students in grades K—12.

WHY PARTICIPATE?

- Designing a poster and researching the theme can give you a voice in your community on important conservation issues!
- Posters capture people's attention and tell important stories in a language that everyone can understand.
- They inspire, increase awareness, and encourage us to work together to protect our natural resources for present and future generations.

POSTER DUE: