



SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS (SCD) SERVE ALL OF NEW JERSEY

Bergen County SCD
700 Kinderkamack Rd. Ste 106
Oradell, NJ 07649
(201) 261-4407
www.bergenscd.org

Burlington County SCD
1971 Jacksonville Jobstown Rd.
Columbus, NJ 08022
(609) 267-7410
www.bsacd.org

Camden County SCD
423 Commerce Lane, Suite 1
W. Berlin, NJ 08091
(856) 767-6299
www.camdenscd.org/
karen.mullen@camdenscd.org

Cape-Atlantic SCD
Atlantic County Office Bldg.
6260 Old Harding Highway
Mays Landing, NJ 08330
(609) 625-1517
www.capeatlantic.org

Cumberland-Salem SCD
P. O. Box 68
1516 Route 77
Deerfield, NJ 08313
(856) 451-2422
www.cumberland-soil.deeweb.com

Freehold SCD
(Monmouth and Middlesex Counties)
4000 Kozloski Rd., Suite 5
PO Box 5033
Freehold, NJ 07728
(732) 683-8500
www.freeholdscd.org

Gloucester County SCD
14 Parke Place, Suite C
Sewell, NJ 08080
(856) 589-5250
gloucester@gloucesterscd.org
www.gloucesterscd.org

Hudson, Essex, Passaic SCD
15 Bloomfield Avenue
North Caldwell, NJ 07006
(973) 364-0786
hepscd@bellatlantic.net

Hunterdon County SCD
687 Pittstown Road, Suite #1
Frenchtown, NJ 08825
(908) 788-9466
hcsd@att.net

Mercer County SCD
508 Hughes Drive
Hamilton Square, NJ 08690
(609) 586-9603
www.mercerscd.org

Morris County SCD
Court House, P.O. Box 900
Morristown, NJ 07960-0900
(973) 285-2953 or 538-1557
www.mcsd.org

Ocean County SCD
714 Lacey Road
Forked River, NJ 08731
(609) 971-7002
www.ocscd.org

Somerset-Union SCD
Somerset County 4-H Bldg.
308 Milltown Road
Bridgewater, NJ 08807
(908) 526-2701
soilconsvr@co.somerset.nj.us

Sussex County SCD
Middleton Park Bldg.
186 Halsey Rd., Suite 2
Newton, NJ 07860
(973) 579-5074
www.home.earthlink.net/~sussexscd2/

Warren County SCD
224 Stiger Street
Hackettstown, NJ 07840
(908) 852-2579
www.warrencountyscd.org



Before you start creating your entry, contact your local Soil Conservation District (SCD) to confirm that your SCD is participating in the 2008 Conservation Poster Contest.

2008 NJACD Conservation Poster Contest Entry Form

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY (and tape to the back of your poster).

Soil Conservation District (see above list) _____
Student Name _____ Grade _____
Address _____ Phone _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Email Address _____
Teacher's Name _____ Phone _____
School _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

I certify that this poster is the original work of: _____

Parent or Teacher Signature

Student Signature

New Jersey

Water is Life

2008 Conservation Poster Contest

"Water is Life" is the theme of the 2008 Poster Contest.



How Are Contest Winners Selected?

Your local **Soil Conservation District** will select winners and award prizes in each District. First place District level winners will be advanced to the state level competition. See page 2 for Local Rules.

The **NJ Association of Conservation Districts (NJACD)** oversees the **State Competition**. Cash prizes are awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each of four grade-categories of competition (*Grades 2-3, 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12*).

Water is Life!

Water is part of our every day life. We drink it; we need it to grow our food. You can study about the water cycle, groundwater, sources of drinking water, watersheds, drought, flooding and other water-related topics. Then create an entry for the 2008 Conservation Poster Contest.

Who can participate?

The NJ Conservation Poster Contest is open to all New Jersey students in grades 2 to 12. Community youth groups, home schooled students, and all public, private and parochial school students are invited to participate.

Why participate?

- You can help spread the word about the importance of water conservation
- You can show how conservation can make a difference for all of us.
- You can win valuable prizes and recognition for your school.

NJACD 2008 Cash Prizes for Statewide Competition :
1st - \$200 Cash Award
2nd - \$100 Cash Award
3rd - \$50 Cash Award

The **New Jersey Grand Champion** will be selected from one of the first place state competition posters. The Grand Champion poster will be reproduced on folders for use at conservation education events throughout the State in 2008.

First place state winners will be advanced to the **national level competition** in December.



The New Jersey Conservation Poster Contest is sponsored by your local Soil Conservation District along with the New Jersey Association of Conservation Districts (NJACD) and co-sponsors including the NJ Department of Agriculture - State Soil Conservation Committee, USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and Rutgers Cooperative Research and Extension

PROGRAM GUIDELINES

Poster Contest Rules

These rules must be followed for your poster to be accepted by your local Conservation District. Entries that do not conform to the rules will not be judged.

1. Clearly print your name and county on the back of your poster AND tape the completed entry form to the back of your poster.
2. Include a one to three sentence explanation of your poster, neatly written on a 3" x 5" or 4" x 6" index card. Be sure to also include your name and county on the card.
3. Contest theme must appear somewhere in your poster. "Water is Life."
4. The poster must be flat, no 3-D objects.
5. Poster size must be between 8.5" x 11" and 22" x 28".
6. Any medium may be used, including paint, crayons, colored pencils, charcoal and paper. No collage or montage. Computer generated artwork is not allowed. Clip art is not acceptable.
7. One poster per student.
8. The poster must be the original artwork of the student.
9. Entry deadline: See Local Rules.
10. Posters will be judged on the following criteria:
 - ◆ Relevance to contest theme (*Water is Life*)
 - ◆ Conservation message
 - ◆ Visual effectiveness
 - ◆ Originality
 - ◆ Overall appeal



Judges at the State level will represent the State level sponsors: the NJ Association of Conservation Districts, the State Soil Conservation Committee of the NJ Department of Agriculture, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, and Rutgers Cooperative Research and Extension. **Decisions of the judges are final and all entries become the property of the contest sponsors.**

Local District Rules

Your local Soil Conservation District will issue local contest rules and determine the winning posters in your district. The first place entry in each division will be submitted to the state level judges. State level winners will be honored at a special ceremony.

IMPORTANT: PLEASE READ

In Mercer County, entries must be received by **Friday, March 14, 2008.**

Send entries to:
Mercer County SCD
508 Hughes Drive
Hamilton Square, NJ 08690

Teachers are asked to submit the **top three** entries from their class.

Be sure that students include the **contest theme** on their entries.

New this year: Free "Water is Life" classroom presentations are available!

Local awards are as follows:

First Place winners in each division will receive a \$100 award and their entries will be entered into the statewide contest.

Second Place winners in each division will receive a \$50 award.

1st and 2nd Place winners will also receive an educational gift (such as a subscription to Ranger Rick Magazine or National Wildlife Magazine, depending on the grade level).

Please make copies of this brochure to share with other teachers in your school.



If you have questions, contact the Education Coordinator at the **Mercer County SCD:**
(609) 586-9603 or
mercersoila@aol.com

RESOURCES



Information Sources

You will want to learn all you can about water conservation to plan and prepare your entry. The resources listed on this page will be helpful. You can start with

- Your local Soil Conservation District (see the back of this brochure for a list of New Jersey's Soil Conservation Districts).
- Ask your teacher about community resources like water treatment plants, health department, or local community leaders.
- Your school and local libraries, local newspapers.
- Local natural resource groups and nature centers.
- The Internet: try some of the links listed in the next column.

Tool for Educators

The Conservation Poster Contest is a great way for teachers to create learning partnerships and capture the benefits of interdisciplinary studies. Science, Art, and Social Studies teachers may work together to incorporate the Poster Contest into the curriculum.

This contest will highlight students' artistic talents while helping them to explore and express their connections to the natural world.



Celebrate Soil and Water Stewardship Week

April 27 to May 4, 2008

Soil Conservation Districts (SCD) are special purpose subdivisions of the State. In cooperation with the State Soil Conservation Committee, they are empowered to conserve and manage soil and water resources and address stormwater, soil erosion, and sedimentation problems that result from land disturbance activities. There are 15 SCDs in New Jersey.

In response to growing public concern for water quality, our conservation districts have become the primary local governmental agencies responsible for controlling nonpoint sources of pollution associated with agriculture, construction and mining. The technical services of the USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service and other resource agencies are made available through the districts.

Useful Links

Check it out! These links offer information related to this year's contest theme.

For information about the **national contest** visit:
<http://www.nacdnet.org/education/contests/poster/#2008>

[http://stewardship.nacdnet.org/NACD Poster Contest page](http://stewardship.nacdnet.org/NACD%20Poster%20Contest%20page)

<http://www.nj.nrcs.usda.gov/teachers.html>
NRCS in New Jersey lists resources for teachers

[http://www.swcs.org/en/publications/SWCS website—Select Educational Resources.](http://www.swcs.org/en/publications/SWCS%20website-Select%20Educational%20Resources)

<http://www.nj.gov/dep/seeds/>
NJ State Environmental Education Directory

<http://www.state.nj.us/dep/watershedmgt/basicinfo.htm>
NJDEP Division of Watershed Management

<http://www.epa.gov/water/kids.html>
Environmental Protection Agency

<http://njawwa.org/kidsweb/Default.html>
New Jersey American Water Works Association

NJ Core Curriculum Connections

NJ Core Curriculum Content Standards that correspond with this contest include

- Science: 5.6, 5.8, 5.10
- Social Studies: 6.2, 6.6
- Technology: 8.1
- Language Arts: 3.5
- Visual Arts 1.2, 1.3

Visit <http://http://www.nacdnet.org/about/districts/directory/nj.phtml> for more about Soil Conservation Districts in New Jersey.