



Poster Contest Entry Form

Entry forms **MUST** be attached to back of the poster.

Please check the appropriate grade level/category:

K-1 2-3 4-6 7-9 10-12

STUDENT

First Name _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____ E-mail _____

School Name _____ Grade _____ Age _____

_____ The poster is an original completed by the student.

_____ The student received assistance from another person or materials/ideas from another source. If so, please explain on another piece of paper.

SCHOOL

Teacher _____

Public School _____ Private School _____ Home School _____

Address _____ Phone (_____) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail address _____

Parent or guardian name (printed) _____

Signature of parent or guardian allowing NACD/District to utilize the poster for educational or promotional purposes:

_____ Date _____

CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Name Kenai Soil & Water Conservation District

Contact Heidi Chay Title District Manager

Address 110 Trading Bay Suite 160 Phone (907) 283-8732 x108

City Kenai State AK Zip 99611

E-mail Address kenaiswcd@gmail.com

When sending state winning entries to national contest please include: State poster contest sponsor, contact name, address, phone and e-mail additional information available at <http://www.nacdnet.org/education/contests/poster/>



We owe our existence to the top, precious few inches of our planet's life-giving soil. Did you know that it can take 500 to 1,000 years to form one-inch of soil? If people grew that slowly it would take 80,000 years to grow a basketball player!

A complex mix of minerals, air, and water, soil also teems with countless micro-organisms, and the decaying remains of once-living things. Find out more by participating in the "DIG DEEPER: Mysteries in the soil" poster contest.

Contest Deadline: Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2014

Location: Drop off contest entries at

Kenai Soil & Water Conservation District
110 Trading Bay, Suite 160, Kenai
or

Kenai Watershed Forum
44129 Sterling Highway, Soldotna
or

4-H/Cooperative Extension Office
43961 K-Beach Road

Questions? Contact Kenai SWCD: 283-8732 x 5 or kenaiswcd@gmail.com. www.kenaisoilandwater.org

CONTEST RULES

- The 2014 theme “DIG DEEPER – Mysteries in the soil” or just “DIG DEEPER” must be on the poster.
- Any media may be used to create a flat or two-dimensional effect (paint, crayon, colored pencil, charcoal, stickers, paper or other materials on regular posters (no computer only special category)
- Poster size must be between 8.5" x 11" and 20" x 24".
- All posters must be created by an individual student rather than a team of students.
- Entries must have a completed entry form signed by a parent or guardian attached to the back of the poster.
- Although younger students will most likely receive help in planning from parents or teachers, NACD encourages each student to do as much of the work as possible by him/herself. Entries completed by students in their handwriting and coloring will score better than those designed, drawn and colored by adult assistance.

Poster Evaluations

The posters will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Conservation message (50%)
- Visual effectiveness (30%)
- Originality (10%) and
- Universal appeal (10%).

Prizes

- Local Prize: \$50, \$30 and \$20 awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each category: grades K-1, 2-3, 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12.
- State winners will be eligible for National Association of Conservation Districts' Poster Contest and prizes. See <http://nacdnet.org/education/contests/>

Thank You to Our Contest Co-Sponsors:



Who Can Participate?

The Poster contest is open to all students in grades K-12, in public, private or home school in Nikiski, Kenai, Soldotna, Sterling, Kasilof, and Clam Gulch.

Why Participate ?

Researching the theme and designing a poster can give you a voice in your community. Good posters capture people's attention with a powerful graphic and inspire with a message for your

Information Resources

FOR STUDENTS:

2013 Contest Winners

<http://www.nacdnet.org/education/contests/poster>

Dig It! The Secrets of Soil (Smithsonian Institution)

<http://forces.si.edu/soils/index.html>

Dig Deeper (Soil Science Society of America)

<http://www.soils4kids.org>

Ask S.K. Worm

http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_MEDIA/stelprdb1144433.swf

Soil Safari Game

<http://school.discoveryeducation.com/schooladventures/soil/>

Soil Biology Primer (for older students)

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/soils/health/biology/>

AND BOOKS at your school or community library!

FOR TEACHERS:

Soils for Teachers (Soil Science Society of America)

<http://soils4teachers.org/>

Soil Education (Natural Resources & Conservation Service)

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/soils/edu/>