

SEDGWICK COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

2022 CONSERVATION POSTER CONTEST

1. **ELIGIBILITY:** The 2022 Conservation Poster Contest is open to students in **Kindergarten through 6th grade**.
2. **CATEGORIES:** K-1st grade, 2nd-3rd grade, and 4th-6th grade
3. **SUBJECT MATTER:** The national contest theme is **“Healthy Soil Healthy Life”**. For **your poster to place at state** or national competition this **theme needs to be on the poster** in some manner.
4. **ENTRIES:** Carefully & clearly print your information on an identification tag on the back of the poster. **NO IDENTIFICATION IS TO BE ON THE FRONT OF THE POSTER.**
5. **DEADLINE:** Entries must be turned in to your school by **Friday, September 30, 2022**. Your classroom may have an earlier deadline so please check with your teacher.
6. **EXHIBITION AND AWARDS:** All entries will be displayed and students with winning entries will be recognized at the Annual Meeting of the Sedgwick County Conservation District in February of 2023. Award winners will be notified by mail, prior to the meeting. The 1st place poster will be sent on to the state competition this fall.
7. **Prizes in each category:** 1st place: \$25, 2nd place: \$15, 3rd place: \$10
8. **POSTER RULES:**
 - A. Posters shall be on suitable paper, 12 X 18 inches only, and arranged for **HORIZONTAL DISPLAY ONLY**.
 - B. Posters may be done in pencil, pen, paint, watercolor, charcoal, crayon, or marker & can include stickers, cut paper, printed photos, etc. Posters will be handled and displayed several times and must hold together.
 - C. Do not tightly roll or fold the poster.
 - D. **NO GLITTER**
9. **JUDGING:** The judges will select winners according to the score sheet as follows:
 - A. Conservation Message.....50%
 - B. Visual Effectiveness30%
 - C. Originality.....10%
 - D. Universal Appeal.....10%



My classroom's due date for returning the posters to school is:

Forestry Fast Facts

- More than 300 million people live in the forest.
- The largest area of forest in the tropics remain the Amazon Basin, amounting to 81.5 million acres.
- 70% of the world's animals depends on forests for their homes.
- Forests cover 4 billion hectares of the Earth's surface.
- More than 25% of the medicines we use originate in rainforest plants.
- One of the reasons your lungs feel refreshed when walking through a pine forest is because of an anti-inflammatory compound called a-Pinene, found in conifers.
- 20% of the Earth's oxygen is produced by Amazon Forest.
- About 80% of the Earth's original forests have been cleared or destroyed.
- Trees provide shelter and food for wildlife. They absorb carbon dioxide and produce breathable air.
- Trees are the longest living organisms on Earth, and never die of old age. The Old List is a database of ancient trees that officially tracks old trees, their species, and location. Methuselah, from California's White Mountains, comes in at over 4,800 years old.

TIPS TO HELP CREATE A WINNING POSTER

- Research the topic
- Brainstorm ideas and make a list
- Decide on information to include on the poster
- Sketch out your idea
- Mark guidelines for lettering (lightly)
- Include a brief, catchy message; one theme that can be read in 10 seconds
- Use colors to get and hold attention
- Use letters large enough to be easily read.
- Don't use too many words. Use a combination of pictures and words
- Be as neat as you can
- Make sure the poster is balanced
- Clean up the poster so it is neat. Erase any guidelines that are showing