



## Poster Contest Entry Form

**\*Attach to back of poster\***  
**Posters are due to Geauga SWCD by April 22, 2016**



Please  appropriate 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 \_\_ Gender M F

\_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_ Geauga Soil and Water Conservation District

Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Katie Nainiger Title \_\_\_\_\_ Conservation Education Coordinator







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### DID YOU KNOW?

-  100 trees remove 53 tons of carbon dioxide and 430 pounds of other air pollutants per year.
-  One hundred mature trees catch about 139,000 gallons of rainwater per year. *Source: U.S. Forest Service: [www.fs.fed.us/learn/trees](http://www.fs.fed.us/learn/trees)*
-  Trees absorb and block noise and reduce glare. A well placed tree can reduce noise by as much as 40 percent.
-  \* Fallen tree leaves can reduce soil temperature and soil moisture loss.
-  Decaying leaves promote soil microorganism and provide nutrients for tree growth.
-  The dust level in the air can be as much as 75 percent lower on the sheltered side of the tree compared to the windward side.

For further information contact:  
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**Geauga Soil and Water  
Conservation District**

# Rules



- 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 22" x 28".
- Posters should be packaged so they remain flat when sent for judging.
- All posters must be created by an individual student rather than a team of students.
- The 2016 theme – “We All Need Trees”
- Names on back of posters and must have entry form signed to be eligible for judging.
- 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.

## **Geauga SWCD Rules:**

- Posters are due to Geauga SWCD, 14269 Claridon-Troy Road, Burton, Ohio 44021 by April 22, 2016. If you would like them picked up, contact Katie Nainiger at Geauga SWCD by **April 15, 2016.**

## **Poster Evaluations**

The posters are evaluated on the following criteria:

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

## **Prizes**

- Geauga Soil and Water Conservation District Prize: \$30 for 1<sup>st</sup> place, \$25 for 2<sup>nd</sup> place
- State winners will be eligible for NACD National Poster Contest and prizes.

## **Who Can Participate ?**

The Poster contest is open to all students in grades K-12. Students in public, private or home school.

## **Why Participate ?**

Designing a poster and researching the theme, can give you a voice in your community on important conservation issues. Good posters tell important stories to present and future generations. Posters capture people’s attention with a powerful graphic and inspire with a message for your community.

## **Additional resources can be found at:**

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

### **EcoKids**

[http://www.ecokids.ca/pub/eco\\_info/topics/forests/benefits\\_of\\_trees.cfm](http://www.ecokids.ca/pub/eco_info/topics/forests/benefits_of_trees.cfm)

### **eSchool Today**

<http://www.eschooltoday.com/forests/forest-preservation-tips-for-kids.html>

### **American Forest Foundation**

<http://www.forestfoundation.org/family-activities-in-nature>

### **KidZone Science**

<http://www.kidzone.ws/plants/trees.htm>

### **Connecting Kids to Nature**

#### **Project Learning Tree**

<https://www.plt.org/-connecting-kids-to-nature>

### **Discover the Forest**

<http://www.discovertheforest.org/>

### **US Forest Service**

<http://www.fs.fed.us/kids/>