



Durham Soil & Water Conservation District 2018-2019 Conservation Creativity Public Speaking Contest: **The Living Soil**

Contests & Grade Eligibilities:

- Public Speaking: 7th & 8th grade

There will be a 1st and 2nd place award given for each grade category in Durham County:

- 1st place - \$50 and entered in regional competition
 - 2nd place - \$25

Educators who have a 1st place winning student in any category will receive \$30 to use towards school supplies**

***Parents, Scout Leaders, Children/Youth Leaders and other Educators are eligible for the \$30*

Show off your creativity by participating in the 2018-2019 Durham Soil & Water Conservation District's Conservation Creativity Contests!

Theme:

The Living Soil



This is an opportunity for the student to do independent study on a science topics and help meet NC DPI Essential Standards and Common Core Standards in the classroom.

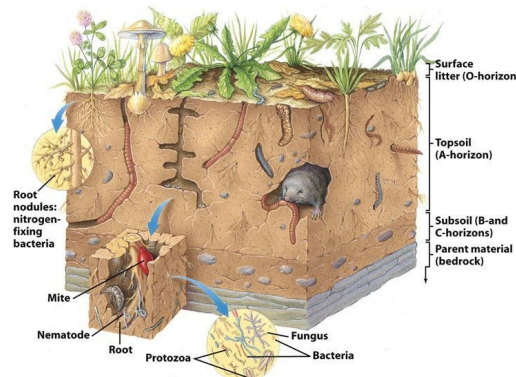
DEADLINE : All contest entries are due to the Durham SWCD office by 5pm - February 8, 2019

Please call or email for complete rules and registrations for each contest:
919-560-0558 or Imarochak@dconc.gov

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Theme - The Living Soil

All entries should reflect the theme's content and be a representation of what the student feels best exemplifies this topic. Students are encouraged to be original in their design. The judges will be looking for the entries that best teaches the message to an audience while at the same time being original and creative.

Official Rules - Public Speaking, 7th & 8th grades

Speeches must:

- Be 4 to 6 minutes long. Over or under limit will be penalized.
- Be a reflection of the current topic, **'The Living Soil'**
- In order to insure impartiality in judging, personal information such as name, school, etc... shall not be stated during speech. Infractions will be taken during scoring for violation of this rule.
- No visual aids are allowed. Note cards should only be used as a backup only.
- Complete scoring criteria and rubric are available upon request before the event.

Contest Registration

Participants must be registered with the Durham SWCD by 5pm on **February 8, 2019** to be eligible. The Public Speaking event judging will take place in late February 2019 (*exact date TBA*). Register, by calling 919-560-0558 or emailing lmarochak@dconc.gov with the following information:

- ⇒ Students name
- ⇒ Grade level
- ⇒ School Name
- ⇒ Educator's email & Contact #
- ⇒ Student/Parent's email & Contact #

**Once registered, the Durham SWCD will make every possible attempt to work with participants schedules when arranging the judging event in February.*