



Soil & Water

DEADLINE

All contest entries are due to the Durham SWCD office by **5:00 pm February 25, 2022**

Durham Soil & Water Conservation District
2021-2022
COMPUTER SLIDE SHOW Contest
6th Grade

Soil & Water... Yours for Life

We don't typically give the soil under our feet much thought, but it plays a big role in our lives. Bigger than most realize. It is more than just 'dirt'... it is life! One tablespoon of soil has more organisms in it than there are people on earth. In fact, it is the 2nd largest ecosystem on Earth. Similarly, water plays a critical role in our very survival. Our planet is about 71% water and our bodies 60%. More than 90 % of the planet's living biomass is found in the oceans. We need both **Soil** AND **Water** to grow the food to feed the world's population of over 7 billion!



Soil takes centuries to millions of years to form, yet can be harmed or lost in a matter of minutes by careless human actions. And although water is continuously being recycled, the quality of it can be greatly impacted by everyday human actions. There is still 11% of the world's population that do not have access to clean drinking water. Soil and Water are two of the four most fundamental and basic natural resources—soil, water, air and sunlight—that sustain life on Earth. **We are looking for your creative interpretations of just what it means when we say "Soil & Water...Yours for Life"**

Contests & Grade Eligibilities

**COMPUTER SLIDE SHOW Contest:
6th grade**

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

- ♦ **1st place winners** - will receive \$50, a certificate, and a yard sign.
- ♦ **2nd place winners**- will receive \$25, a certificate, and a yard sign.

Important Notice Teachers!!!

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

Open to all public schools, private schools, homeschool students and student clubs in Durham County.

Contest Correlation

This contest, "Soil & Water...Yours for Life" can be incorporated into &/or used to enhance the NC DPI Standard Course of Study, Essential Standards for Science for each grade level and are available upon request

Learn more about Durham Soil and Water at <http://dconc.gov/swcd>



Theme - Soil & Water...Yours for Life

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. Computer Slide Show ideas can include, but are not limited to:

- Why is Soil so important for life?
- Interaction of Soil and Water
- Soil Erosion prevention
- Water Quality
- How does Soil affect the planet's Ecosystems?
- The Soil Food Web
- or more....



Official Rules - Computer Slide Show, 6th grades

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- 1) Max amount of slides allowed = **15 slides** of content. Fewer slides are allowed.
- 2) No identifying information (names, school info, etc..) should be located in the body of the slide show in order to insure impartiality in judging
- 3) The slide immediately following the slide show (*slide number 16 if 15 slides are used*) should be blank. The slide immediately following the blank slide (*slide number 17 if 15 slides are used*) should contain identifying information (detailed below). For example, the correct order for the slide show should be:
 - 4) **Slide Show (up to 15 slides)**
 - 5) **Blank Slide (#16)**
 - 6) **Identifying Information Slide (#17)**
- 4) Slide shows must be created using Microsoft PowerPoint software. Files shall be saved so that they are compatible with PowerPoint 2003 (ppt file). (Do not save as a pptx file.)
- 5) The use of audio (sound) is allowed.
- 6) The use of slide animation is allowed.
- 7) The use of video is prohibited. Slide shows using video will be disqualified.
- 8) Slide shows shall not exceed a maximum of 5 minutes in length.
- 9) The slide shows shall be submitted electronically to Imarochak@dconc.gov by the Feb. 25, 2022 deadline.
- 10) All slide shows will be judged electronically.

Identification Information (email entry form to Imarochak@dconc.gov)

2021-2022 COMPUTER SLIDE SHOW CONTEST ENTRY FORM *(required)*

Student's First and Last Name: _____ Grade: **6th**

Student's Address: _____

Educator's Name: _____

Educator's Phone #: _____

Educator's Email: _____

School student attends: _____

County: **DURHAM** District: **Durham Soil & Water**