



Durham Soil & Water Conservation District 2022-2023

Soil & Water

DEADLINE

All contest entries are due to the Durham SWCD office by **5:00 pm February 22, 2023**

POSTER Contest

3rd - 5th Grade

Water...the Cycle of Life

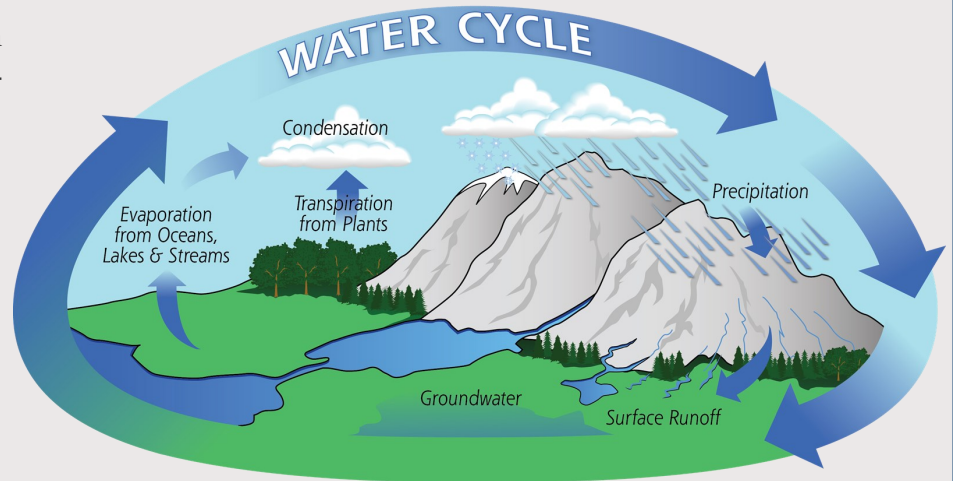
Did you know the water that falls from the sky as rain today, might have fallen last week, last month, last year or thousands of years ago? It is the greatest recycler of all time and it's called the Water Cycle!

There are four main stages in the water cycle. They are evaporation, condensation, precipitation and collection; **Evaporation:** Warmth from the sun causes water from oceans, lakes,

streams, ice and soils to rise into the air and turn into water vapor (gas). Water vapor droplets join together to make clouds! **Condensation:** When water vapor in the air cools down and turns back into liquid water.

Precipitation: Water (in the form of rain, snow, hail or sleet) falling from clouds in the sky. **Collection:** When water that falls from the clouds as rain, snow, hail or sleet, collects in the oceans, rivers, lakes, streams. Most will infiltrate (soak into) the ground and will collect as underground water.

The water cycle is powered by the sun's energy and by gravity. The sun kick-starts the whole cycle by heating all the Earth's water and making it evaporate. Gravity makes the moisture fall back to Earth.



We are looking for your creative interpretations of just what it means when we say "Water...the Cycle of Life"

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

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

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Contests & Grade Eligibilities

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

Theme - Water...the Cycle 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 poster. The judges will be looking for the entries that best convey the message to a viewer, while at the same time being original and creative.

Possible poster ideas can include, but are not limited to:

- Why is WATER so important for life?
- Interaction of soil and the Water Cycle
- Water Cycle processes
- Water Quality
- How does WATER affect the planet's Ecosystems?



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(201 E Main St, floor 5, Durham, NC 27701)

Official Rules - Posters, 3rd - 5th grades

- NO NAMES ON THE FRONT, NO EXCEPTIONS!
- Posters should be **no larger than 24 x 36 inches** (NO EXCEPTIONS!)
- Posters must have the current theme incorporated into the poster, **preferably as the header/poster title**
- Pictures or other materials may be mounted on the posters, if mounted securely. Only materials that are flat or create a two-dimensional effect may be used.
- Poster should be colored (Any coloring materials available to students and suitable for poster work may be used.)
- Posters must be the original work of the individual student. Original work is created by the student and shows a fresh, new idea. Hand drawn pictures are preferred over computer generated drawings.
- Posters should be submitted flat and not rolled.
- Posters must be identified on the back using the official registration form (please see below)

ENTRY FORM (Attach to the back of posters)

2022-2023 POSTER CONTEST ENTRY FORM *(required)*

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Student's Mailing Address: _____

Parents name and email: _____

Educator's Name: _____

Educator's Phone #: _____

Educator's Email: _____

School student attends: _____

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