

# Lake Soil & Water Conservation District

ANNOUNCES A

## POSTER CONTEST

OPEN TO

LAKE COUNTY STUDENTS  
KINDERGARTEN THROUGH TWELFTH GRADE

THEME: Conservation Habits = Healthy Habitats



Categories:

- Grades K-1
- Grades 2-3
- Grades 4-6
- Grades 7-9
- Grades 10-12

Entries must be received on or before **October 19, 2009** before **5:00 p.m.** Lake County Schools may use the “jack rabbit” mail system attention to:

Lake Soil & Water Conservation District  
1725 David Walker Dr, Suite C  
Tavares, FL 32778  
(352) 343-2481, Ext. 6  
[www.lakecountyfl.gov](http://www.lakecountyfl.gov)

Prizes

Ribbons

Judging will take place November 4, 2009 - 3:30 p.m.  
at the Lake County Agriculture Center Auditorium  
1951 Woodlea Rd, Tavares

You will want to learn all you can about the importance of habitat in your community and in your backyard. You can find resources at your school or public library, science books, local newspapers, nature centers and from the NACD website [www.nacdnet.org](http://www.nacdnet.org) Stewardship & Education section.

There is much to learn about habitat. To learn more about habitat visit the above link for NACD as well as these other good resources.

*Backyard Conservation* <http://www.nacdnet.org/education/backyard/>  
*National Wildlife Federation* <http://www.nwf.org/gardenforwildlife/>  
*Pollinator Guides* <http://www.pollinator.org/guides.htm>

## What Makes a Good Poster?

- A brief, catchy message; one theme that can be read in 10 seconds
- Colors and white space to get and hold attention
- Letters large enough to be easily read and words separated enough to make them quickly grasped
- Don't try to include too many ideas or activities on your poster
- Be as neat as you can

## Contest Rules

**“Conservation Habits = Healthy Habitats” MUST BE WRITTEN ON THE POSTER.**

One Entry per Person

Poster Size – **22” x 28” Only**

Any media may be used to create a flat or two-dimensional effect (paint, crayon, colored pencil, charcoal, stickers, paper or other materials).

All posters must have a completed entry form signed by parent or guardian attached to the **back** of the poster to be judged.

Although younger students will most likely receive help in planning from parents or teachers, each student is encouraged to do as much of the work as possible by him/herself.

Posters will be evaluated on the following criteria:

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| • Conservation message | 50% | • Visual effectiveness | 30% |
| • Universal appeal     | 10% | • Originality          | 10% |

## Prizes

K-1 and 2-3 grade categories will receive art supplies. 4-6, 7-9, and 10-12 grade categories will receive movie gift cards. All winning entries will receive ribbons and will be displayed at the Lake Soil & Water Conservation District booth at the Lake County Fair, April 2009. Winning posters will be entered in an area competition and may become eligible to go on to State and National competition. Posters may also be featured on our website and in our Quarterly Newsletter. Only winning posters will be available for pick up.