

Lake Soil & Water Conservation District

ANNOUNCES A

SPEECH CONTEST

FOR

LAKE COUNTY STUDENTS IN 6TH THROUGH 12TH GRADE
(Public, Private, or Home School)

TOPIC:

DIG DEEPER: WHAT ARE THE MYSTERIES IN THE SOIL?

Soil is the reservoir on which most life on earth depends, as the primary source of food, feed, forage, fiber, and pharmaceuticals. Soil plays a vital role in sustaining human welfare and assuring future agricultural productivity and environmental stability. The study of soil as a science has provided us with a basic understanding of the physical, chemical, and biological properties and processes essential to such a complex ecosystem. (soils4teachers.org)

**The speech must be hand-delivered, emailed, or faxed by 5:00 p.m.,
or postmarked on or before the deadline date.**

Entries must be received on or before November 5, 2013	Oral speeches will be given on November 21, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
Lake Soil & Water Conservation District 1951 Woodlea Road Tavares, FL 32778 (352) 253-1646, (352) 343-2767 fax pfletcher@ufl.edu lakecountyfl.gov/lswcd	Lake County Agricultural Center Auditorium 1951 Woodlea Rd Tavares, FL 32778

Submit a typewritten speech, double-spaced on 8.5 x 11 inch white paper, with a one inch margin. Speech must be typed using a standard font no greater than a size 12. Provide a cover page with the contestant's name, speech title, parent or guardian name, home address, home telephone number, email address, and school name.

To download this flyer, go to www.lakecountyfl.gov/lswcd

Eligibility

This contest is open to any Lake County students in grades six through twelve.

Entries in the Lake County competition will be evaluated locally. The winner of the local competition may be entered in an area competition, and from there may advance to a State competition.

Note to Teachers - Participation in this event would directly relate to Sunshine State Standards, Language Arts, LA.C.3.4.1 AND LA.C.3.4.2. If used as a class assignment, please choose three speeches to submit from one class.

Contest Rules

One Contest Topic - "**DIG DEEPER: WHAT ARE THE MYSTERIES IN THE SOIL?**"

Speeches must be original, not previously used, and created by the contestant. Contestant may use notes while speaking; but no form of audio or visual aids. Contestant may not wear attire that will identify them with any organization (FFA, 4-H, or school logos).

Time Limit – Speeches must be a minimum of six minutes; but not greater than eight minutes in length. **Time under or over these limits, respectively, will result in two points for each 15 second increment or part thereof.**

Judging – Prior to the oral presentation date, three impartial judges and a timekeeper will be selected. A standard score sheet will be used for all contestants. The judge's decisions will be final. Judges will score entries based on the following criteria:

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
CONTENT	Choice of subject (relevance to contest topic)	10
	Treatment (material used & accuracy of statements)	20
	Originality (subject matter and treatment)	20
	<u>TOTAL CONTENT POINTS</u>	50
COMPOSITION	Organization, cohesiveness, grammar, style	10
	<u>TOTAL COMPOSITION POINTS</u>	10
DELIVERY	Voice (enunciation, modulation)	10
	Personal appearance (neatness, posture)	10
	Communicative expertise (sincerity, ability to convey thought and meaning)	10
	Stage presence (gestures, visual contact)	10
	<u>TOTAL DELIVERY POINTS</u>	40
	<u>TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS</u>	100

Prizes - \$100 first place, \$50 second place, \$25 third place

Speeches will be given orally on Thursday, November 21, 2013 – 6:00 p.m. at the Lake County Agricultural Center, 1951 Woodlea Rd, Tavares