

2009 Poster Contest Entry Form  
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**PRINT NEATLY**  
Poster with missing, illegible or incomplete forms  
will not be judged!

appropriate grade category  
K-1 2-3 4-6 7-9 10-12

**STUDENT INFORMATION**

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ (MI) \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Parents Cell Phone(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*Requirement Printed Parent or Guardian name**

*All posters will become property of the Chesterfield Soil & Water Conservation District & will not be returned!*  
**\*\*\*Requirement Signature** of PARENT OR GUARDIAN is required to allow Chesterfield SWCD to utilize the poster for promotional purposes:

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOOL INFORMATION**

**Circle one:** Public School Private School Home School  
School Name \_\_\_\_\_  
School Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher **Circle one:** Mr Mrs. Ms \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

**CHESTERFIELD SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

106 Scotch Road Chesterfield, SC 29709-1728  
[sharon.workman@sc.nacdnet.net](mailto:sharon.workman@sc.nacdnet.net) (843) 623-2187 ext. 3 <http://chesterfieldswcd.com>  
Call Wednesdays or Thursdays

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# 2010 Poster Contest K-12th Grades

Deadline May 5, 2010

Posters may be mailed or hand delivered to:  
Chesterfield Soil & Water  
Conservation District  
(CSWCD)  
106 Scotch Road, Chesterfield, SC 29709



All programs of the Chesterfield SWCD are offered on a nondiscriminatory basis without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, marital status or handicap.

### WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Chesterfield County students in grades K-12, attending public, private or home schools.



### POSTER RULES: Disregard for the rules will result in the poster being rejected for judging.

- Poster size must 8.5" x 11" **or** 22" x 28".
- Poster board **must be used as the base of the submission. No fluorescent poster board.** Materials used to decorate can include paint, crayon, colored pencil, charcoal, stickers, paper, or similar materials.
- **"Conservation Habits = Healthy Habitats" must be the title of your poster.**
- **Do NOT** put your name on the **front** of the poster.
- **Do NOT** use glitter or other materials that can shake off the poster.
- **Do NOT** laminate or cover the finished poster
- **Do NOT** use staples, tacks or tape
- The Chesterfield Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) encourages each student to do as much of the work as possible. **Entries submitted by students in their own handwriting and coloring will score better than those with obvious adult assistance.** Posters must be created by an **individual student** rather than a group of students.

### A COMPLETED & SIGNED ENTRY FORM MUST BE ATTACHED TO THE POSTER.

### WHY PARTICIPATE?

- Posters are an easy way to visually explain important information and inspire your community.
- Prizes for the top 4 winners in each category:

**1<sup>st</sup> - \$25, 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$15 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$10 4<sup>th</sup> - Hon. Mention**

THE PRIZES ARE!



### Posters will be judged by the following guidelines:

- ◇ Conservation message - 50%
- ◇ Visual effectiveness - 30%
- ◇ Originality - 10%
- ◇ Universal appeal - 10%
- ◇ Also taken into consideration is artwork completed on poster is that of participant (unless noted on entry form).

All entries become the property of Chesterfield Soil & Water Conservation District (CSWCD), and CSWCD reserves the non-exclusive right to use all posters in publications or for promotional purposes. **Posters will not be returned.**

### INFORMATION RESOURCES

Research the importance of habitat in your community. Use resources found at the library and nature centers, or in publications such as science books and newspapers.

Websites can provide information on the importance of habitat. Ask your teacher about other possible community resources or contact Chesterfield Soil & Water Conservation District (CSWCD) for information on local projects or other resources.

### RESOURCE LINKS:

Nat. Assoc. of Conservation Districts (NACD): [www.nacdnet.org](http://www.nacdnet.org) Stewardship & Education

Nat. Wildlife Federation (backyard, school, community): <http://www.nwf.org/gardenforwildlife/>

Backyard Conservation: <http://www.nacdnet.org/education/backyard/>

Pollinator Guides: <http://www.pollinator.org/guides.htm>

Other Useful Habitat Info:

<http://www.sc.gov/Portal/Category/FACTSANDHISTORYKIDS>

<http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usdahome>



Please, Enjoy yourself while you are preparing your poster. Take the time to look around you at our World! You know, "Take the time to smell the roses".

### CREATING AN EFFECTIVE POSTER

- Research the theme topic.
- Decide on information to include on the poster
- Create a design that is simple and clear.
- Use letters large enough to be easily read.
- Include blank (white) spaces to balance the layout.
- Lightly pencil guidelines for designing the layout.
- Use pictures, illustrations and text.
- Clean up the poster so it is neat. Erase any guidelines used to layout the poster.

### Suggestions for Poster Design

- Habitat around your home
- Habitat at your school
- Habitat in your community
- Importance of pollinators

### Color Guidelines:

- Black - more formal, neat, rich, strong
- Blue - cool, melancholy
- Purple - royal, rich
- Yellow - warm, light, or ripe
- Green - fresh, young, or growing
- White - clean, and neat
- Red - attracts the eye, is high energy
- Orange - attracts the eye

For more information:

Call (843) 623-2187 x 3 on **Wednesday or Thursdays**, ask for Sharon or contact us at [sharon.workman@sc.nacdnet.net](mailto:sharon.workman@sc.nacdnet.net) or <http://www.chesterfieldswcd.com>