

“WETLANDS ARE WONDERFUL”

2025 Orange Soil and Water Conservation Annual Poster Contest



OPEN TO 3RD, 4TH & 5TH GRADES!

***This contest is open to all Orange County public, private, and
homeschool students.***

CASH PRIZES!!

A 1st, 2nd and 3rd place award will be given to each grade category:

- **1st Place: \$45** (Winner's poster will advance to the Regional Competition)
- **2nd Place: \$35**
- **3rd Place: \$30**

TEACHER Appreciation!

TEACHERS: *If your student wins
FIRST Place, you will receive \$25!*



**For fun facts about NC Wetlands wildlife, plants, soils, and
an interactive map, visit:**

www.ncwetlands.org

DEADLINE: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2025

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2025 Theme is "WETLANDS ARE WONDERFUL!"

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 be original and creative.

THEME MESSAGE

Students should show what they have learned about the importance of wetlands. Examples:

- What is a wetland?
- Why are wetlands important to life?
- What benefits do they provide to healthy watersheds, plants, wildlife habitats and, humans?
- Why is it important to take care of them?

JUDGING CRITERIA

Entries will be judged on the following:

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| • Conservation Message | 50% |
| • Visual Effectiveness | 25% |
| • Universal Appeal | 10% |
| • Originality | 10% |

Points will be deducted for:

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| • Copyright Violation | -5% |
| • Exceeding the size limit | -5% |

IMPORTANT GUIDELINES!

- ◇ Posters must be a reflection of the current topic, "WETLANDS are WONDERFUL".
- ◇ Posters ***MUST*** have the current theme incorporated into the poster, preferably as the header or footer!
- ◇ Hand drawn original work on poster board no larger than 22" X 28". (This is the standard poster board size)
- ◇ Entries MUST have a completed entry form firmly attached to the BACK of poster. (See the below for the entry form)
- ◇ Each poster should depict the student's own ideas that reflect the theme.
- ◇ Students must work INDIVIDUALLY, not as pairs or teams. Be aware of copyright protection.
- ◇ Students may NOT use: Photographs, 3-D artwork, computer generated images, magazine and newspaper clippings or glitter. **Stickers and scrapbook materials are not allowed.**
- ◇ **Any coloring materials are acceptable and two-dimensional elements are allowed and encouraged!**

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM! *This MUST be placed firmly on the BACK of poster!!! *

Student's Name: _____ GRADE: _____

Student's Address: _____

Parent's Email & Phone: _____

Educator's Name: _____

Educator's Email: _____

School: _____

County: ORANGE District: ORANGE Soil & Water Area: 3