

## Why Participate?

Photographs are images to teach, inspire and perhaps just reveal the spectacular beauty of a farm, city, architecture, woods or wetland. The Pickens Soil & Water Conservation District photo contest is to recognize individuals whose pictures are worth more than words!

**Conservation Practices:** Cover crops, field borders, grade stabilization structures (dam/embankment), grass waterways, livestock management, pasture planting, rotational grazing, stream bank and shoreline stabilization, terraces, tree planting, upland wildlife habitat, water and sediment control basin, wetland restoration, wildlife food plot, etc.

**Close-Up Conservation:** An “up-close” look at topics of conservation concern, such as soil, water, animals, plants, aquatic insects, crops, sediment, farm animals, irrigation, flowers, worms, roots, compost and human-actions and tools of conservation.

**Conservation in Action:** Action shots of conservation districts in action; conservation planning; district events (community meetings, field days, fairs, exhibits); farmers or landowners (conservation-related events, etc.); interaction with landowners; irrigating crops or watering flowers; office staff at work; supervisors or board members at meetings; technical staff at work; youth (school programs, speech, poster contests, Envirothon, on-farm, conservation-related events, etc.)

**Conservation Across America:** A wide range of America—Barns, crops, farm practices, fencerows, livestock, implements, crops, tree farms, grazing and pastures, etc., farmers or landowners, fence rows, grazing, livestock, pastures, ponds, ranching, tree farm, etc

## 2019-2020 Photo Contest Entry & Release Form

- 1) Fill out this form and sign. If the photo contains the likeness of any person, fill out the “Model/Subject Release Form” complete with signature(s).
- 2) Mail or email original, signed, completed forms. (please keep copy for your files) Address: Pickens Soil & Water Conservation District, 144 McDaniel Avenue, Pickens, SC 29671 or scan & email to pickensswcd@gmail.com
- 3) Send Jpeg of photos to pickensswcd@gmail.com. Name each photo according to rules.

### Student Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

### Teacher/School Information

Teacher (Circle One) Mr. Mrs. Ms \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_  
 Check one: Public School \_\_\_\_\_ Private School \_\_\_\_\_ Home School \_\_\_\_\_

### Select Age Division Select Category

\_\_\_\_ Elementary: K-5 \_\_\_\_\_ Water and Land (WAL)  
 \_\_\_\_ Middle: Grades 6-8 \_\_\_\_\_ Habitats and Wildlife (HAW)  
 \_\_\_\_ High School: Grades 9-12

**Photo Title:** (example WAL-5-Smith-1)

**General Description** of Photo: (example: Red Barn & 2 cows

**Location** photo was taken: City/County/State

Title	Description	Location
_____	_____	_____
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I hereby grant the Pickens Soil & Water Conservation District (PSWCD) permission to use my likeness, name or images I have photographed in any and all publications: including web site entries, without payment or any other consideration in perpetuity. I understand and agree that these photos can be used as stated above. My photos can also be used for my personal or professional use. I hereby irrevocably authorize PSWCD to edit, alter, copy, exhibit, publish or distribute this photo for purposes of publicizing programs or for any other lawful purpose. In addition, I waive the right to inspect or approve the finished product, including written or electronic copy, wherein my likeness appears. Additionally, I waive any right to royalties or other compensation arising or related to the use of the photograph. I hereby hold harmless and release and forever discharge PSWCD from all claims, demands, and causes of action which I, my heirs, representatives, executors, administrators, or any other persons acting on my behalf or on behalf of my estate have or may have by reason of this authorization. I am 18 years of age or older and am competent to contract in my own name. I have read this release before signing below and I fully understand the contents, meaning, and impact of this release. If under the age of 18 I will have consent signed by parent or guardian.

Signature of photographer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/legal guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent/legal guardian if a photographer is a minor under age of 18 \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name of parent/legal guardian if a minor under age of 18 \_\_\_\_\_

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# Pickens Soil & Water Conservation District Photography Contest



The Pickens Soil & Water Conservation District Photo Contest is open to amateur photographers who are students in grades K-12 attending public, private or home school in Pickens County.

Photos are due by

Thursday May 14, 2020 by 2:00 p.m.

Questions? Contact: Aimee Brown

Pickens Soil & Water Conservation District

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Pickens, SC 29671

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## Entry Deadline

The deadline to enter the Photo Contest is 2:00 p.m. Thursday, May 14, 2020. Each participant can enter as many as five photos total. Only student amateur photographers are eligible to compete. All photos must be in a jpg format and be entered in digital form as an attachment to email.

## Photo Categories

Before taking your photos or submitting them for the contest, please review the following explanation of the photo categories. Judges reserve the right to determine if a photograph is appropriately categorized and change a photograph's category accordingly.

1. Water and Land (WAL): examples: landscapes, lakes, rivers, forests, waterfalls, fields, wetlands, barns, fences
2. Habitats and Wildlife (HAW): examples: animals, insects, worms, plants, trees, flowers, birds, butterflies, livestock, crops

## Age Categories

Photographs will be judged according to these age or grade categories:

- Elementary – grades K-5
- Middle school – grades 6-8
- High school – grades 9-12

## Judging Standards

Photos will be judged on technical merit and composition. For technical merit, judges may check to see if the photo is well-framed, properly exposed and sharp and clear. For composition, judges determine if the photo features a recognizable center of interest, and exhibits imagination and creativity.

Participants can enter as many as five photos. Each photo must fit in one of the conservation photo categories listed below. Please follow these instructions and guidelines carefully to ensure eligibility in the contest.

## Entry Instructions:

In order to be eligible for the contest, entries must follow these guidelines:

1) **Complete and Submit Entry and Photo Release Form(s):** Each photo entered must be listed on an **Entry Form/Photographer Release Form**. (If people are featured in a photo, a **Model/Subject Release Form** is also required for each person pictured.) Forms can be submitted one of three ways:

- \* **Electronic Form Submissions:** Complete the Entry/Photo Release Form, scan and email as a pdf to [pickensswcd@gmail.com](mailto:pickensswcd@gmail.com) These can be in a separate email from the photo you are entering or an attachment in the same email as the photo.
- \* **By Mail:** To: Pickens Soil & Water Conservation District, 144 McDaniel Avenue, Pickens, SC 29671. (Teachers submitting forms for multiple students may find it easier to mail them)

2) **Submit electronic photo files via email:** to [pickensswcd@gmail.com](mailto:pickensswcd@gmail.com) Put 'Photo Entry' in the subject line. Photos must be submitted in electronic format (jpeg files *only*). No printed photos will be accepted. Each photo must be named and emailed according to the photo file name guidelines below.

3) **Photo File Names:** Photo files must be named by category, grade, last name, and photo number.

**Example:** A 5<sup>th</sup> grader named Smith entering one photo in the "Water and Land" category would give it this name: **WAL-5-Smith-1**.

If you are submitting only one photo in a category, your photo number is 1. Additional photos in the same category should be numbered consecutively.

Abbreviations for the categories are:

Water and Land (WAL)  
Habitats and Wildlife (HAW)

*TIP: To rename or label a photo, right-click the photo name and choose 'rename'.*

4) **Multiple Submissions:** If you enter more than one photo (maximum of five photos per participant), you must list each photo on an entry form, named according to the rules above (see example in #3).

5) **Digital Enhancement:** Minor digital enhancements for red-eye removal, filters and corrective functions are permitted, but images that have been judged to be severely cropped or altered in any significant manner will be disqualified. Contestants are not permitted to place borders, frames or backgrounds around their images or to place watermarks, dates, signatures or copyright images onto photos.

6) **Previously Published Photos:** Do not send photo reproductions from a printed publication. Previously published photos are not eligible.

7) **Photo Rights:** All entries become the property of PSWCD and PSWCD reserves the non-exclusive right to use all photographs in publications or for promotional purposes. The photographer retains rights to their photo.

## Awards

- 1st Place: \$35 gift card
- 2nd Place: \$30 gift card
- 3rd Place: \$25 gift card.

Teacher with the most photos turned in will receive a \$25 gift card

Categories for judging/winners:

- Elementary: K-5
- Middle: Grades 6-8
- High School: Grades 9-12

If you would like to participate or have any questions, please contact:

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