2023

Pickens Soil & Water Conservation District Essay, Photo and Poster Contest Theme is: "*One Water*"



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

Essays, Photos and Posters are due by: Thursday April 20, 2023 by 12:00 p.m.

Why Participate?

Writing an essay, drawing a poster, taking pictures and researching the theme gives you a voice in your community on important conservation issues. Good essays, posters, and photos tell important stories to present and future generations, capturing people's attention with a powerful graphic, and inspire with a message to your community.

<u>Awards:</u> Teacher with the most student participation will receive a \$25

> 1st Place \$35 2nd Place \$30 3rd Place \$25

Classroom Presentations

Contact Pickens Soil & Water Conservation District by phone: 864-878-6155, or email: pickensswcd@gmail.com to set up classroom presentations to help the students prepare for the contest. **Please give at least two weeks notice to prepare for your program.

Questions? Contact: Pickens Soil & Water Conservation District Address: 144 McDaniel Avenue, Pickens, SC 29671, Phone: 864-878-6155 Website: pickenssoilandwater.com E-mail: <u>pickensswcd@gmail.com</u>

Have you ever watched it rain? The raindrops fall on the ground and flow down through the soil. A lot of the water we use and drink every day comes from water in the ground. The bodies of water in a watershed are all connected, so every drop that falls becomes part of *One Water*.

Everything from whales in the ocean to frogs in your local pond depend on clean water to survive. Fresh and saltwater habitats support so many different critters!

We all live in a watershed. A watershed is an area of land that channels rainfall and snowmelt to creeks, streams, and rivers, eventually leading to outflow points such as reservoirs, bays, and the ocean. As it rains and water runs off, it collects in rivers, lakes, and oceans before returning to the atmosphere to fall as rain somewhere else.