



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

“May The Forest Be With You Always”

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

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Essays, Photos and Posters are due by: Thursday April 18, 2024 by 2:00 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.

Awards:

1st Place \$35

2nd Place \$30

3rd Place \$25

Teacher with the most student participation will receive a \$25

Classroom Presentations

Set up a classroom presentation to help students prepare for the contest. Contact Anaston Porter - Education Coordinator by email anaston.porter@andersonswcd.org or email: pickensswcd@gmail.com.

****Please give at least two weeks notice to prepare for your program.**

Forests are not just a collection of trees; they are vibrant ecosystems that support a wide variety of plants, animals and insects. Forests provide habitats for countless species, creating homes for them to thrive and survive. From the tiniest insects to the mighty bears and deer, forests are like bustling cities full of life!

Trees

The most prominent feature of a forest providing shade, habitat, food and oxygen through photosynthesis

Soil

Forests have rich and diverse soil that supports the growth of plants

Plants

Forests are filled with various plants including flowers, shrubs, ferns, mosses and grasses

Animals

Forests support a wide range of animal life. Deer, bears, squirrels, birds, insects, reptiles and amphibians depend on the forest for food, shelter and protection

MAY THE FOREST BE WITH YOU, ALWAYS.

The phrase carries a message of respect, appreciation, and harmony with nature, specifically highlighting the forest environment. It suggests that we should recognize the value of forests and the benefits they provide to us and for our future generations.

Forests are vital ecosystems that support diverse plant and animal life. They provide clean air and water, give us food, fuel, and other forest products, as well as help combat climate change by absorbing carbon dioxide. They offer recreational opportunities, serve as habitats for wild-life, and contribute to the overall well-being of the planet.

By saying "May the forest be with you, always," it's a way of expressing a desire for people to be mindful of the forests and to maintain a strong connection with nature. It encourages us to protect and preserve these important natural resources so that they can continue to thrive and benefit us in the long run.