



Public Speaking Contest

2009-2010

It's Contest Time!!!

The Durham Soil & Water Conservation District is sponsoring a Conservation Public Speaking contest this year!

The theme is "**The Living Soil**". This encompasses a wide range of idea topics that the students can incorporate in their competition entries, such as ecology, conservation, natural resources, and many more...

Who's eligible? Any Durham County student (public, private, or homeschool) in **7th or 8th grade!**

The District's Public Speaking contest will be conducted in late February 2010. **Interested students must register by Feb 12, 2010.** The competition will be held at the Durham County Agricultural Building (721 Foster St). *Specific date and time to be announced later.*

Prizes

Not only does this contest provides a great way for the students to explore an issue on their own, but there are prizes for the students!

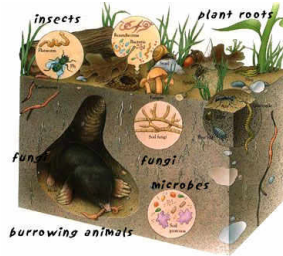
There will be a 1st and 2nd place award given for each grade level in Durham Co:

1st place - \$50 cash

2nd place - \$25 cash

If your students are interested in competing in this, please call us at 919-560-0558, or email Jennifer at jbrooks@co.durham.nc.us to sign up!

The Living Soil



Official Rules

Speeches must:

- Be 4 to 6 minutes long. Over or under limit will be penalized.
- Be a reflection of the current topic, **“The Living Soil”**
- In order to insure impartiality in judging, personal information such as name, school, etc... shall not be stated during speech. Infractions will be taken during scoring for violation of this rule.
- No visual aids are allowed. Note cards should only be used as a backup only.

Important Notice Teachers!!!

If one of your students win First Place in our Public Speaking Contest you will be awarded \$30 in CASH to use at your favorite school-supply Outlet!

Judging Criteria

The NC Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts have adopted a standard score sheet to be used for all contest levels. Speeches will be judged on content and speaking skills as described on the score sheet. A copy of the score sheet criteria is available upon request.

Infractions:

Points will be deducted for the following infractions:

- Incorrect time limit 5 points
- Use of visual aids 5 points
- Gives personal information 2 points