

September 2020

Dear Educator:

The Upper Elkhorn Natural Resources District would like to invite you and your students to participate in the 28th annual District Conservation Poster Contest. The contest is sponsored by the National Association of Conservation Districts, Nebraska Association of Resources Districts and the Upper Elkhorn NRD to provide students an opportunity to express their ideas regarding our soil, water and other related resources. The contest is open to students grades kindergarten through twelfth and is divided into the following categories; K-1, 2-3, 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12. The first place poster from each category will be sent on to the state contest with a chance to advance on to the national competition.

Enclosed you will find a fact sheet and entry form with the information needed to participate in this years District Conservation Poster Contest. The deadline for this years contest will be November 2. All entries must be in the Upper Elkhorn NRD office on or before November 2, 2020. We will not be able to accept any late entries due to the state deadline. Please route this information to anyone who would be interested in participating. If you have any further questions feel free to contact me at (402) 336-3867 or at bwalsh@uenrd.org.

Sincerely,



Beth Ann Walsh, Information & Education Coordinator
Upper Elkhorn Natural Resources District

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The 28th annual District Poster Contest provides kindergarten through twelfth grade students with an opportunity to share their thoughts about soil, water and related natural resources issues. It also highlights the educational outreach efforts of our natural resources districts.

Who May Enter?

The National Conservation Poster Contest is open to kindergarten through twelfth grade students and divided into the following categories; K-1, 2-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12. The winning poster from each category will then be entered in to the state competition. If a poster wins the state competition it will then be forwarded on to the national competition.

How Are The Posters Selected?

Posters will be evaluated on the following criteria: Conservation message; visual effectiveness; originality; and, appeal.



Contest Rules!

The district contest rules were designed to correspond with the state and national rules to keep continuity between all levels of the contest. The contest rules are as follows:

- ✍ **Each entry must be evaluated by their local NRD prior to state evaluation.**
- ✍ **Any media may be used to create a flat or two-dimensional effect (paint, crayon, colored pencil, charcoal, paper or other materials).**
- ✍ **The National Poster Contest theme is “Where Would We Bee Without Pollinators?” and should be on your poster. All posters submitted to the Upper Elkhorn NRD District Poster Contest should feature the contest theme.**
- ✍ **Poster size must be 14” x 22” (half poster).**
- ✍ **We accept both hand-drawn and digital posters, however we highly encourage you to submit your entries in a digital format (photographs or scanned copies of the hand drawn posters in a JPEG format). Photographs may be taken with any mobile device (phone, camera or tablet) and must be clear and well-framed.**
- ✍ **All posters must have a COMPLETED entry form attached to the back of the poster, which does include a parent/guardian signature this year. Posters with student names on the front will be disqualified.**
- ✍ **Posters should be packaged so they remain flat when sent to the Upper Elkhorn NRD.**
- ✍ **The Upper Elkhorn NRD contest follows the same rules as the national contest. Local district winners will be entered into the state contest.**
- ✍ **Entries must be received by November 2, 2020 at the Upper Elkhorn NRD, 301 North Harrison Street, O’Neill, NE 68763. No late entries please!**
- ✍ **All posters must be created by an individual student rather than a team of students. We encourage each student to do as much of the work as possible by him or herself. Entry must be contestant’s original creation and may not be traced from photographs or other artists’ published works.**
- ✍ **The Upper Elkhorn NRD will no longer guarantee the return of any poster submitted for the District Poster Contest due to circumstances and activities beyond the Districts control when transporting posters.**

Are There Prizes?

The Upper Elkhorn NRD recognizes the top three posters from each grade category with a cash award of \$25 for First, \$20 for Second and \$15 for Third. The first place poster from each category is then entered into the state competition.

Who Are The Sponsors?

The program is sponsored by: the National Association of Conservation Districts and the NACD Auxiliary; the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts and the NARD Auxiliary; and , the Upper Elkhorn Natural Resources District.

Questions?

If you have any questions regarding the contest please contact: Beth Walsh, Information & Education Coordinator, Upper Elkhorn Natural Resources District, 301 N. Harrison Street, O’Neill, NE 68763, by phone at (402)336-3867 or at bwalsh@uenrd.org.



National Association of Conservation Districts

Please check appropriate category:

K-1 2-3 4-6 7-9 10-12

PLEASE PLACE THIS DOCUMENT/FORM ON THE BACK OF THE POSTER OR EMAIL IT FOR EACH SUBMITTED POSTER

STUDENT

Name First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____

Address: _____ Students Age: _____ Grade level: _____

(Address Optional)

Please circle one:

Yes or No: This poster is the original work of the student named above.

Yes or No: The student received assistance from another person or materials/ideas from another source. If answered "yes," please include a brief explanation.

PARENT/GUARDIANS SIGNATURE X _____ **DATE** _____

Printed name of parent or guardian name: _____

Parent/Guardians signature will allow the NACD/the Conservation District listed below to utilize poster submission for educational or promotional purposes.

Email Address _____ Phone Number: () _____

SCHOOL/GROUP/ORGANIZATION

Please choose: Public School Private School Home School Organization Other

Name: _____

Contact: _____ Email Address: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: () _____

CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Name: _____

Contact: _____ Email Address: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: () _____