



2010 ESSAY AND POSTER CONTESTS

HCSWCD is sponsoring an essay and a poster contest to celebrate “Conservation Habits = Healthy Habitats”, the theme for 2010 for the National Association of Conservation Districts’ Stewardship Week which is from April 25 through May 2, 2010 (for more information, go to www.nacdnet.org).

Hamilton County students are eligible to enter each contest. The essay contest is open to students in the following grade divisions: 3-5, 6 – 8, and 9 - 12. The poster contest is open to students in the same grade divisions with the addition of K - 2.

Any medium (such as crayons, watercolors, markers) or other methods of printing, writing, or drawing may be used to create a flat or 3-D effect for the poster. Prints or photos are not permitted. The child must demonstrate an understanding of the theme and incorporate the title “Conservation Habits = Healthy Habitats into the poster. The poster must measure between 8 1/2” x 11” and 22” x 28”.

The back of the poster should include the following: student’s name, age, grade level, teacher’s name, school, e-mail address, school name, address, and phone number . The sponsoring teacher should submit a maximum of five posters.

The essays must be titled “Conservation Habits = Healthy Habitats”, 300 - 500 words, presented on standard 8 1/2” x 11” paper, typed on the computer and be the work of the individual student. Essays will be judged on content and writing skills.

The essays should include the same student information (listed above) as the posters.

Both posters and essays are due by **Friday, March 12, 2010** in our office at 29 Triangle Park Drive, Suite 2901, Cincinnati, Ohio 45246, Attention: Cheryl Reinke Peck.

Winners from each grade level category will receive a \$25 gift certificate and sponsoring teachers receive a \$25 gift certificate. All essays and posters become the property of Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District.