



2015 Rain Barrel Decorating Contest

Official Rules and Deadlines

The Darke SWCD is asking county schools to participate in our 4th Annual Rain Barrel Decorating Contest. This year's theme for decorations will be "**Celebrating the 60s**". 2015 represents 60 years of Darke SWCD putting conservation practices on the ground in Darke County. Your rain barrel needs to encompass the theme for 2015 within the paint scheme. Participating schools should decorate their barrel by recognizing something from the 1960s, whether it is an artist, movie, musician, festival or general theme from the 1960s. Darke SWCD is asking you to get creative and help us celebrate 60 years of being in business. Barrels should at least have a painted front; feel free to utilize the entire barrel space. **DO NOT PUT THE SCHOOL NAME IN YOUR DESIGN!** We would ask that you simply put the school name and student names on the top of the barrel. **LIMIT ONE ENTRY PER SCHOOL!**

By participating in the rain barrel decorating contest, you agree to the following:

- The Darke SWCD may display the decorated rain barrel at the Darke County Fair and other meetings as they see necessary.
- You will cover the cost of all supplies in decorating your rain barrel.

The winners of the rain barrel decorating contest will be determined by a panel of county residents determined by the Darke SWCD. This panel will rank the barrels on design, creativity, theme use and ability to follow guidelines. The panel will choose a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winner, these **winners will be awarded a prize of \$100, \$75 and \$50** respectively. The prize money will be given to the winning teams after the May 2015 board meeting.

TIMELINE OF EVENTS

INITIAL CONTEST NOTICE	JANUARY 26
SCHOOL PARTICIPATION DEADLINE	FEBRUARY 20
DECORATED RAIN BARREL DUE DATE	APRIL 3
WINNERS ANNOUNCED	APRIL 8
PRIZE MONEY AWARDED TO WINNERS	MAY 4
DARKE SWCD ANNUAL MEETING	NOVEMBER 23

*****Rain Barrels, including kit, will be donated back to the schools for use as either an educational tool or fundraiser after the Darke SWCD Annual Meeting in November.***

Please direct any questions to Jared Coppess at the Darke SWCD office at either 937.548.1752 or jared.coppess@oh.nacdnet.net.