



2023 National Association of Conservation Districts Poster Contest

In Darke County, the NACD Poster Contest is open to fifth through eighth grade students. Artwork that is judged as 1st place at the county level in its grade category will be entered into the state competition with the potential to go on to the national competition.

Contest Rules

- Poster size must be 14" x 22" (half-poster) to be considered.
- Colorful photos with bold lines attract the most attention. Any media may be used, including paint, crayon, colored pencil, charcoal, stickers, paper or other materials.
- All posters must be created by an individual student, rather than a team of students. Entry must be contestant's original creation and may not be traced from photographs or other artists' published works.
- The 2023 Stewardship theme "One Water" must be included on the front side of each poster submission to be eligible.
- Each poster entry must be submitted to Darke SWCD with an entry form to be eligible for judging. The form must be completed and signed by a parent or guardian, and taped to the backside of the poster.
- Darke SWCD and NACD encourages each student to do their own work. Note: entries with student handwriting and coloring will score better than those designed, drawn and colored by adult assistance.
- Entries must be turned in to the Darke SWCD office no later than 4:00pm on Friday, April 21, 2023.
- Posters will be judged in 5th & 6th grade or 7th & 8th grade categories.
- Prizes in each category: 1st place- \$30; 2nd place- \$20 & 3rd place- \$10

Poster Evaluations

Poster contest entries are reviewed based on the following criteria:

- Conservation message (50 percent) (Poster uses correct theme)
- Visual effectiveness (30 percent)
- Originality (10 percent) and
- Universal appeal (10 percent)