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TO: Elementary, Middle, and High School Guidance, Science, Art, and Agriculture Departments
FROM: Rachel McCuller; Education Specialist—Headwaters Soil and Water Conservation District
SUBJECT: The National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) 2019 Poster Contest
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Please find enclosed information concerning the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) 2019 Poster Contest. The annual Conservation Poster Contest provides kindergarten through twelfth grade students an opportunity to convey their thoughts about soil, water and related natural resource issues through art. It also highlights the educational outreach efforts of conservation districts and their state conservation associations, auxiliaries and agencies. The poster contest theme follows the annual NACD Stewardship theme. **The 2019 theme is “Life in the Soil: Dig Deeper”**. Each year, the poster contest starts at the district level and moves on to the state level. The Headwaters SWCD will forward our local winning poster entries to the Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (VASWCD) office for consideration at the state level.

The Conservation Poster Contest is open to public, private, and home school students, 4H groups, scout groups etc. Any Girl Scout or Boy Scout who creates a poster and submits it to Headwaters SWCD for judging can earn the VASWCD Poster Contest Patch. For more information about the VASWCD Poster Contest Patch visit their website at: <http://vaswcd.org/scout-patch-program>.

Poster Categories by Grade: K-1st, 2nd-3rd, 4th-6th, 7th-9th, 10th-12th.

Prizes:

- **Local:** Each 1st place winner (one per category) will be submitted by Headwaters SWCD to the state poster contest for competition. Any student that is in the Girl Scouts & Boy Scouts can receive a patch for participating in the contest. Interested students must request the patch on their completed entry form.
- **State:** State winners receive recognition and a prize from the VASWCD. The 1st place poster in each category will be submitted to the National Association of Conservation Districts’ Poster Contest.
- **National:** The top three posters (in each category) of the national contest will receive monetary prizes. First place winners will receive \$200, second place winners will receive \$150 and 3rd place winners will receive \$100. Monetary prizes at the national level are sponsored by the NACD Auxiliary from their quilt project and the Albert I Pierce Foundation.

The 2019 Local Entry Form and Contest Rules are enclosed with this correspondence. Please copy the information as needed. A copy of the entry form, and rules can be found on the Headwaters SWCD website: <http://headwaterswcd.org/poster-contest/>. **Original Posters, with attached entry forms, are due to the Headwaters SWCD by April 19, 2019.**

If you have any question regarding the Poster Contest please contact Rachel McCuller at the Headwaters SWCD office at (540) 248-0148 ext.5 or rmcculler@co.augusta.va.us.