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TO: Elementary, Middle, and High School Art Departments

FROM: Rich Wood, Education & Outreach Coordinator-Headwaters SWCD

SUBJECT: 2023 Local Conservation District/VASWCD Poster Contest

DATE: February, 2023

Please find enclosed information concerning the Local/VASWCD 2023 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 2023 theme is "One Water"**. 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>.

A Power Point Presentation on the Stewardship Week and Poster Contest theme is available on our website at: <http://headwatersswcd.org/poster-contest/>

Poster Categories by Grade:

- K-1st
- 2nd-3rd
- 4th-6th
- 7th-9th hand-drawn
- **7-9th digital * NEW ***
- 10th-12th hand-drawn
- **10-12th digital * NEW ***

The 2023 Local Entry Form and Contest Rules are attached with this correspondence and can also be found on the Headwaters SWCD website: <http://headwatersswcd.org/poster-contest/>. **Original Posters, with attached entry forms, are due to the Headwaters SWCD by June 2nd, 2023**

If you have any question regarding the Poster Contest please contact Rich Wood at the Headwaters SWCD office at (540) 248-0148 ext.8 or rwood@co.augusta.va.us.