



A Quality Environment

Date: December 1, 2010

Subject: **POSTER CONTEST**

Attached is information about participating in the Soil & Water Conservation District Poster Contest, co-sponsored by Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company and the Auxiliary of the Conservation Districts of Iowa (CDI). This year's theme is ***"Forests for People: More Than You Can Imagine!"*** or ***"Forests for People"***. Either theme is acceptable. For more information on the theme and guidelines, please visit the Conservation Districts of Iowa website, cdiowa.org and choose the education tab.

The competition is open to all children K through 12, who are residents of the State of Iowa divided into 5 divisions composed of:

Division 1 = Grades K-1 Division 2 = Grades 2-3 Division 3 = Grades 4-6
Division 4 = Grades 7-9 Division 5 = Grades 10-12

The posters should reflect the contest theme.

- Poster size must be no smaller than 8.5" x 11" and no larger than 22" x 28".
- Any media may be used to create a flat or two-dimensional effect (crayon, paint, colored pencil, markers, cut and paste, or whatever inspires the student. No three dimensional effects, please).
- The contest title must be on your poster.
- All posters must have the completed entry form attached to the back of the poster, copy attached. Please include the Teacher's name and grade for ease of returning the entries after the judging. If possible, you may photocopy the entry form onto the back of the posters. The form may also be downloaded from www.cdiowa.org/education.html
- Posters may be delivered flat to the Dickinson Soil & Water Conservation District at 2412 17th Street, Spirit Lake, Iowa (USDA Service Center behind Pronto at the intersection of 9 & 71) or call Maxine at 712-336-3782 Ext. 3, to pick up the posters at your school.
- **Posters are due in the DickinsonSWCD office by Friday, April 15, 2011.**
- Posters will be judged on the conservation message, visual effectiveness, originality and universal appeal.
- Local winning entries will be displayed at the Environmental Learning Fair on Saturday, April 23 at the Dickinson County Nature Center. The first place county winners in each division will be submitted to compete at Regional level.

If you have any questions, or need additional material, please do not hesitate to contact me at the Dickinson Soil & Water Conservation Office in Spirit Lake at 712-336-3782, Ext. 3.

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