

The Wisconsin Rural Water Association Presents The: 2023 Water Conservation Poster Contest

'Water Conservation Connections'

The Wisconsin Rural Water Association and water utilities across the state invite teachers to participate in our annual Water Conservation Poster Contest. The contest is open to all 1st – 6th grade students in Wisconsin. Two winners are chosen from each grade and both will receive a cash prize. All first place winners are entered into a drawing for a \$500 school prize.

The theme for the 2023 contest is "Water Conservation Connections". Systems thinking is a way of understanding complex things by looking at relationships rather than individual parts. When we conserve water, there are complimentary benefits for other resources. For example, conserving water means a well pump runs for less time which conserves electricity. If using a municipal water supply, using less water also means using less chemicals to treat the water and less maintenance on the pumping and distribution systems. The theme this year encourages students to think about how other conservation initiatives are linked to water conservation. For example, soil health initiatives improve the soil's ability to accept infiltration and aquifer recharge, improving the health of our water resources along with the health of our land. Students should think about and explore conservation connections that they are interested and include them as part of their poster.

Resources, Thoughts and Fun Facts:

- Project WET Discover Water: <https://www.discoverwater.org/>
- US EPS Water Sense: <https://www.epa.gov/watersense/watersense-kids>
- What do you do as an individual to reduce your water use?
- Why do we need to care about water conservation?
- A person can survive about a month without food, but only 5 to 7 days without water
- Showering and bathing are the largest indoor water use (27%)
- It takes about 1.1 million gallons of water to grow enough food for an average family for a year (Some foods take more water to produce than others).
- 780 million people globally lack clean safe water (water.org).
- Only 1% of the Earth's water is available for drinking water.
- Each person in Wisconsin uses approximately 60 gallons of water every day.

All entries must be drawn vertically (portrait) on 11"x17" or 12"x18" paper.

Entries must be postmarked no later than Monday March 6, 2023.

See page 2 for contest guidelines and rules. One first and second place winner will be selected from each grade level 1st through 6th. Winners will be chosen by attendees at Wisconsin Rural Water Association's Annual Technical Conference April 4-7, 2023. For Further information visit: www.wrwa.org or Contact Andrew Aslesen, Aaslesen@wrwa.org or 715-321-3451

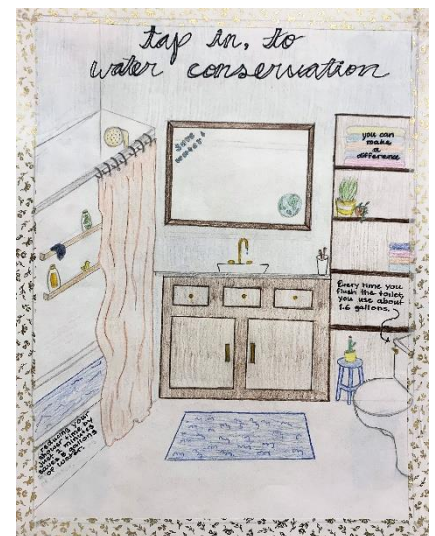
Prizes

First Place

- \$100 Cash Prize
- Chance at your classroom winning \$500 for supplies.

Second Place

- \$50 Cash Prize



2022 Poster Contest: 6th Grade 2nd Place Winning Poster By: Aubrey Noel, from Amherst Middle School

Sponsored By:



Entry Deadline:
Postmarked No Later Than
Monday, March 6, 2023
Questions? Call (715) 321-3451

Mail Entries To:
WI Rural Water Association
350 Water Way
Plover, WI 54467

Water Conservation Poster Contest Entry Form

Guidelines

Teachers, please talk with your students about water: where our water comes from, our limited supply, why water conservation is important, and how everyone can conserve and protect water. Then, encourage your students to draw a poster that illustrates one important point based on this year's theme, "Water Conservation Connections" winning posters typically use few words, large lettering, heavy lines and strong colors.

Contest Entry

We ask that teachers **submit the top 3 posters per class** that illustrate this year's theme to represent your class. Teachers who have multiple classes, such as art teachers, may submit 3 posters to represent each class they teach, and combination classes may submit 3 posters per grade level. Please make sure to attach one student entry form (Right) to the back of each poster. Then package the posters, along with one class entry form (below) and mail by Monday March 6th, 2023 to WRWA 350 Water Way, Plover WI 54467.

Rules

1. Participating schools must be located within the State of Wisconsin. Entries will be accepted from public, private & home school teachers.
2. **Posters must be drawn VERTICALLY (portrait) on either 11"x17" or 12"x18" paper.** Entries that are not the correct size paper or are drawn horizontally will be disqualified.
3. Students may use crayon, watercolor, poster paint, markers, ink, cut paper, tissue paper or fabric. Please do not use materials that may smear, crack or chip.
4. Students must work on posters independently. Collaborated work (a poster created by 2 or more students) will be disqualified.
5. Only original student artwork will be accepted. Computer generated drawings will not be considered. Reproduction of popular cartoon characters or three-dimensional work will be disqualified.
6. Posters will not be returned and will remain the property of the WRWA and may be displayed publicly, published or reproduced.
7. Each School will have a maximum of one chance in the first place winners drawing to win the school prize.
8. **Package the posters, along with one class entry form (below) and mail to WRWA 350 Water Way, Plover WI 54467.**

Questions? Call:(715) 321-3451 Email:Aaslesen@wrwa.org

STUDENT ENTRY FORM

ATTACH TO BACK OF POSTER

Name _____ Grade _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

School _____

Teacher's Name _____

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CLASS ENTRY FORM: SEND ONE WITH POSTERS

Teacher's Name _____

School _____ Grade _____

Email Address _____

School Address _____

City _____ zip _____

Teacher Phone # _____

Total Entries Submitted (up to 3 per class) _____

Total Number of Students who Participated _____



Check here if interested in having WRWA staff Give a ground water flow model demonstration at your school.