



2019 Waccamaw Conference The Journey of Trash: Pollution to Solution

Student Poster & Art Contest Overview

About the Conference

The Waccamaw Conference is an annual educational conference for the public focused on the importance of our natural water resources and efforts to protect them. The 2019 conference is co-hosted by the Waccamaw RIVERKEEPER® Program of Winyah Rivers Foundation, North Inlet - Winyah Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, Coastal Waccamaw Stormwater Education Consortium, and Horry County Museum.

This FREE community conference will take place on Saturday, February 9th 2019 from 1:00 – 4:00 pm at the Horry County Museum located at 805 Main Street Conway, SC 29526.

Conference Theme

This year's theme is "The Journey of Trash: Pollution to Solution" highlighting common sources and impacts of trash in our waterways throughout the Winyah Bay watershed, and what individuals can do to help. The conference will feature presentations, interactive exhibits and a student poster / art contest throughout the museum.

Student Poster Contest

Students (K - 12th grade and post-secondary) are invited to enter a poster or artwork that focuses on the impacts of litter in our local waterways (e.g., rivers, swamps, estuaries, ocean) and effective solutions on the individual and community level. Students may choose to enter something that has already been completed or develop a new poster/artwork for the conference. Examples: science class project, environmental stewardship initiative, artwork (e.g., painting, drawing, photography, poem), etc. Creativity is always welcome!

Posters & artwork will be displayed during the conference. While students are not required to attend the conference, all are invited! Special time will be dedicated to the displayed work to offer the conference attendees an opportunity to meet the authors (if they wish to stand next to their poster/artwork – optional) and ask questions.

IMPORANT: Individual poster/artwork submissions will be accepted for the chance to win a 1st place award in the following grade levels: elementary (K – 5th); Middle (6th – 8th); high (9th – 12th); and post-secondary (university, college, academy, institute). Group submissions will be entered into a single pool and evaluated across all age groups for the chance to win one award. Group size limited to 5 students max.

Winners and awards will be announced during the conference.

Entry Requirements

1. Topic must relate to the conference theme.
2. Size and orientation of poster/artwork may vary, but must not exceed 3 ft. x 3 ft.
3. Weight and material of the poster/artwork must be able to withstand being displayed on thin corkboard using pushpins (provided by conference hosts). If the artwork needs to be displayed on a table, notice must be given by the submission deadline (1/18/19).

How to Enter

Step 1: Email lswanger@coastal.edu the following information by January 18th 2019:

- Author(s) name(s)
- Teacher name and email
- School and grade level
- Individual or group entry (note: group size limited to 5 students)
- Poster or artwork
- Title of poster/artwork
- Brief description – what is the poster/artwork about?

Note: Space is limited. Therefore, entries will be reviewed and accepted based on the following criteria: 1) Relevance to the conference theme; 2) Clear description; 3) Creativity. Applicants will be notified of their acceptance via email by January 21st.

Step 2: Create your poster or artwork

Step 3: Showcase your poster/artwork at the conference! Authors are not required to attend the conference, but all are invited! The coordinators will contact accepted entries with more details on delivering the poster/artwork either on or before the conference date.

Questions? Please contact:

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