

Information for

7th & 8th Grade Teachers about the 2006-2007

“Wetlands Are Wonderful” Speech Contest

Winners Due: December 15th, 2006



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Wilkes Soil & Water Conservation District

Call Lorraine Spears for a Classroom Presentation

on this year's theme!

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SEE ATTACHED SHEET**

7th and 8th Grade Speech Contest

Who: All 7th and 8th Grade Classes in Wilkes County!

When: All speech winners are due by December 15th, 2006.

What: Create a 4-6 minute speech with the theme "**Wetlands Are Wonderful**".

- ◆ Speeches must be the work of the individual student
- ◆ Visual aids may not be used

Why: To give 7th & 8th graders the opportunity to educate themselves and others with their knowledge of how wetlands are valuable natural resources because they:

1. Purify water by filtering out pollutants and sediment.
2. Help control flood waters.
3. Serve as a home for birds, alligators, fish, turtles, salamanders, frogs and other wildlife.

How: Teachers can have all students create a report about the subject and then selected students can turn their reports into speeches. Teachers will select the school's **2 best speeches for 7th grade** (school winners) and the school's **2 best speeches for 8th grade** (school winners) to compete in the District Contest, which will be held in February.

Prizes: At the Awards Banquet held in March, school winners will get a T-shirt and \$10.00. The 4th place winner will receive \$25.00, 3rd place winner will receive \$40.00, 2nd place will receive \$60.00, and 1st place will receive \$100.00 and represent Wilkes County in the Area II competition.

Infractions:

Points will be deducted for the following infractions

- **Use of visual aids** **5 points**
 - **Over or under the time limit** **5 points**
 - **Giving personal information** **5 points**
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The following form must be filled out on each school winner. It can be mailed to PO Box 194, Wilkesboro, NC 28697 or faxed to 838-1619 by December 12, 2003.

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____ T-shirt size M L XL

Student's Address: _____

School Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Teacher's Name _____ T-shirt size: M L XL XXL

The following is a list of resources, we hope you can use. If you would like any further assistance please contact Lorraine Spears with Wilkes Soil and Water at 838-3622 ext. 3. We are located in room 244 of the Federal Building on Main Street in downtown Wilkesboro.

Helpful Resources:

Wilkes Soil and Water Web Page

<http://wilkesswcd.nc.ncadnet.org>

WETLANDS ARE WONDERFUL

• **INTERNET RESOURCES**

- www.epa.gov/OWOW/wetlands (Click on "Education")
- www.nwf.org/nwf/kids/cool/wetland
National Wildlife Federation
- www.epa.gov/owow/wetlands/awm/
- www.nwf.org/wetlands
National Wildlife Federation
- <http://www.epa.gov/owow/nps/eduinfo.html>
EPA
- <http://www.lethsd.ab.ca/mmh/grade5/wetlands/reference.htm>
www.abnc.org/ecosystem/Wetlands-Curriculum-Guide.pdf
- <http://dnr.state.il.us/Wetlands/ch10a.htm> (Click: Kids & Education)

- (Although not NC information, good site for ideas)
- http://www.projectwebfoot.org/student_benefits.htm
Ducks Unlimited
- <http://search.nature.org/search/servlet/SearchServlet>
- <http://education.usgs.gov/>
- http://sites.state.pa.us/PA_Exec/Fish_Boat/education/catalog/cat12wat.htm <http://www.idptv.state.id.us/dialogue4kids/wetlands/links.html>
<http://library.thinkquest.org/J003192F/definiti.htm>
<http://www.idptv.state.id.us/dialogue4kids/wetlands/classroom.html>

INTERNET RESOURCES

1. <http://www.wetland.org/kids/kids.htm> Has kid friendly wetland info. and great links.
2. <http://www.sierraclub.org/wetlands/factsheets/> Articles about the value of wetlands and real life stories about wetlands.
3. <http://www.epa.gov/owow/wetlands/> Explains what wetlands are and explains why we should protect them.
4. <http://mbgnet.mobot.org> click on wetlands for a great site
5. <http://www.nwf.org/wetlands/> National Wildlife Federation site has great pictures.
6. http://www.epa.gov/students/americas_wetlands.htm Environmental Protection Agency has a great wetlands brochure on-line.
7. <http://library.thinkquest.org/J003192F/> One of the best web-sites for kids I've seen!
8. <http://www.athena.ivy.nasa.gov/curric/land/wetlands/index.html> Beautiful wetland pictures.
9. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/landmarks/standards/wetlands/index.html> Wetlands in Britain.
10. <http://library.thinkquest.org/J00110028/splash.htm> Another great educational site for kids.
11. http://www2.worldbook.com/students/cybercamp_index.asp Great site from World Book that has pictures of specific plants and animals that live in wetlands.

Meets some of NC Science Objectives!

NC Department of Public Instruction
Grade Level Competencies
that could be met by participation in
Soil and Water Conservation Poster, Essay & Speech Contests

“WETLANDS ARE WONDERFUL”

SEVENTH GRADE SPEECH CONTEST	
Curriculum	Goals and Objectives
SCIENCE	Goal 1 Objectives 1.08, 1.09, 1.10 Goal 3 Objective 3.3
MATHEMATICS	N/A
VISUAL ARTS	N/A
LANGUAGE ARTS	Goal 1 Objectives 1.01, 1.02, 1.03, 1.04 Goal 2 Objectives 2.01, 2.02 Goal 3 Objectives 3.01, 3.02, 3.03 Goal 6 Objectives 6.01, 6.02
SOCIAL STUDIES	N/A
INFORMATION SKILLS	Goal 1 Objectives 1.01, 1.02, 1.03, 1.04, 1.05, 1.06, 1.07, 1.08, 1.09, 1.10, 1.11 Goal 2 Objectives 2.01, 2.02, 2.03, 2.04, 2.05, 2.06 Goal 3 Objectives 3.01, 3.02, 3.03, 3.04, 3.05 Goal 4 Objectives 4.01, 4.02, 4.03, 4.04, 4.05, 4.06, 4.07, 4.08, 4.09, 4.10 Goal 5 Objectives 5.01, 5.02, 5.03, 5.04, 5.05, 5.06
INFORMATION SKILLS	Goal 1 Objectives 1.01, 1.02, 1.03, 1.04, 1.05, 1.06, 1.07, 1.08, 1.09, 1.10, 1.11 Goal 2 Objectives 2.01, 2.02, 2.03, 2.04, 2.05, 2.06 Goal 3 Objectives 3.01, 3.02, 3.03, 3.04, 3.05 Goal 4 Objectives 4.01, 4.02, 4.03, 4.04, 4.05, 4.06, 4.07, 4.08, 4.09, 4.10 Goal 5 Objectives 5.01, 5.02, 5.03, 5.04, 5.05, 5.06
HEALTHFUL LIVING	N/A

EIGHTH GRADE SPEECH CONTEST	
Curriculum	Goals and Objectives
SCIENCE	Goal 1 Objectives 1.08, 1.09, 1.10 Goal 3 Objectives 3.02, 3.03, 3.04, 3.07, 3.08
MATHEMATICS	N/A
VISUAL ARTS	N/A
LANGUAGE ARTS	Goal 1 Objectives 1.01, 1.03, 1.04 Goal 2 Objectives 2.01, 2.02 Goal 3 Objectives 3.01, 3.02, 3.03 Goal 4 Objectives 4.01, 4.02, 4.03 Goal 5 Objectives 5.01 Goal 6 Objectives 6.01, 6.02
SOCIAL STUDIES	Goal 8 Objectives 8.01, 8.02 Goal 9 Objectives 9.01, 9.02, 9.03
INFORMATION SKILLS	Goal 1 Objectives 1.01, 1.02, 1.03, 1.04, 1.05, 1.07, 1.08, 1.09, 1.10, 1.11 Goal 2 Objectives 2.01, 2.02, 2.03, 2.04, 2.05, 2.06 Goal 3 Objectives 3.01, 3.02, 3.03, 3.04, 3.05 Goal 4 Objectives 4.01, 4.02, 4.03, 4.04, 4.05, 4.06, 4.07, 4.08, 4.09, 4.10 Goal 5 Objectives 5.01, 5.02, 5.03, 5.05, 5.06
HEALTHFUL LIVING	Goal 3 Objectives 3.05, 3.06