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Soil and Water Contests Open To Students

FAYETTEVILLE – The Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District invites elementary, middle and high school students in the county to participate in the annual poster, essay and public speaking contests. The contests are sponsored by the North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

The theme for this year's contests is "Wetlands Are Wonderful." The deadline to enter is Jan. 15. The contest events are open to the following school grades:

Essay Contest – Grade 6

Poster Contest – Grades 3-5

Public Speaking Contest – Grades 7 and 8

Each school may submit a first-, second- and third-place winning essay from each grade level. School winners will receive a ribbon and certificate. The following prizes will be awarded:

District first-place winner – \$50 gift card and a certificate

District second-place winner – \$30 gift card and a certificate

District third-place winner – \$20 gift card and a certificate

The District first-place winner will compete in the Area VII contest. Area VII is comprised of Cumberland, Bladen, Columbus, Harnett, Hoke, Richmond, Robeson, Sampson and Scotland counties.

For a detailed list of contest and entry rules, requirements and categories, go to co.cumberland.nc.us/soil_water. Students interested in participating should call the Soil and Water Conservation District at 910-484-8479, Option 3, or email dfoster@co.cumberland.nc.us.