

Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association

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2011 Conservation Speech Contest

State Contest – Saturday, November 5, 2011 at Best Western Grand Seasons, Waupaca

Contest Division

1. Elementary Division.....Students enrolled in grades 5-6.
2. Junior Division.....Students enrolled in grades 7-8.
3. Senior Division.....Students enrolled in grades 9-12.

Subject Matter

Speeches must promote the conservation of natural resources and the protection or enhancement of environmental quality. Topics should address soil and water conservation issues. Emphasis should be placed on the subject as it relates to your locality or to Wisconsin (local conservation programs or projects provide excellent topics for positive, solution oriented speeches).

Authenticity and accuracy of information is important and the speaker should demonstrate familiarity with the subject matter. Conservation and environmental literature is available through county land conservation offices, UW Extension, the Department of Natural Resources and other offices. These agencies may provide information for potential topics. The internet is a rich resource, however not all internet sources are reliable. When using the internet consider your source.

Sanction

All contest materials distributed by counties should include the following statement of sanction: “This activity is approved on the Association of Wisconsin School Administrators Advisory List.”

Visual Aids

Use of visual aids (posters, charts, etc.) is prohibited; however, notes may be used.

Previous Speeches

A speech, in part or whole, used in this contest in previous years may not be used again. However, speeches used for other speaking events may be used.

Judges

Judges may ask questions of the speakers. Such questioning shall be done to explore the speaker’s knowledge of the subject matter. Therefore, speakers are encouraged to thoroughly research their subject. Sample judging sheets are attached. These are the sheets used at the state competition. Different judging formats may be used at the county and area association levels.

Time Limits

Elementary Division speeches shall be 3-5 minutes in length. Junior and Senior Division speeches shall be 5-8 minutes in length. Judges may, however, exercise discretion on speeches which do not fall within these limits.

Contest Materials

Contest rules, entry blanks and judging sheets will be provided to the designated county contest coordinator.

County Contest

An individual student may only enter in one county level speech contest, either in the county in which they reside or in the county in which they attend school. If the county an individual lives in does not host a speaking contest, the individual may seek permission from another county to enter their contest. Students must participate in a county and/or area contest to compete in the state contest. If an individual is having issues locating a competition, please contact WLWCA. Group presentations are not allowed.

The members of the county land conservation committee shall sponsor the contest in each participating county.

Information concerning the county speaking contest should be made available at the county land conservation department offices. Personnel from the UWEX, DNR and NRCS may also be sources of contest information.

Individual entry blanks should be submitted to the county contest coordinator, who will advise contestants of the time and place of the county contest. The contest coordinator shall arrange for the location, judges, local publicity, awards, etc. The contest coordinator shall be responsible for arranging for county contest winners to participate in the area contest.

Area Contest

The winners of each division in each county may compete in the area association contests. A committee established by the area association shall supervise each area contest. The committee and area coordinator shall arrange for location, judges, local publicity, certificates, awards, etc.

The results of the area contest (including the legible names, addresses and counties of residence of the winners) shall be sent by the area contest coordinator to all county contest coordinators immediately following the contest for publicity purposes. State contest entry forms and registration forms must be completed by Friday, October 28, 2011 and immediately forwarded to the WLWCA office. For publicity purposes at the state level, be sure to include the full mailing address of your local newspaper. **All state contest entry forms must be signed by a parent or guardian and received in the WLWCA office no later than Monday, October 31, 2011 in order for the student to be eligible to compete.**

The area association committees and coordinators are responsible for arranging the participation of its three winning speakers (1st place in each division) in the state contest.

State Contest

The WLWCA Youth and Education Committee and the WLWCA Youth Education Coordinator shall be responsible for conducting the state contest, including arranging location, publicity, awards, etc. The state contest will be held on Saturday, November 5, 2011 in Waupaca.

There shall be three judges with different backgrounds for each division. Potential sources for judges include representatives of UWEX, USDA, WDNR, WDATCP, WDPI, teachers, LCC members, LCD employees, state media, legislators, or UW campus staff.

The judges shall report first, second and third place winners for each division to the state contest coordinator. The WLWCA Youth and Education Committee Chair shall release this information. The state contest coordinator shall notify all LCCs regarding the contest results.

State Awards

Each participant in the state contest shall receive a certificate. First, second and third place winners in each division shall be awarded a trophy. First place winners in each division are invited to present their winning speeches at the 2011 WLWCA Annual Conference on Thursday, December 10, 2011 in Wisconsin Dells.

Contest Scheduling

County and area association contests should be completed by **Friday October 28, 2011**. State contest entry forms for each area contest winner must be received at the WLWCA office no later than **Monday, October 31, 2011**.

Area contest winners will appear at the state contest on **Saturday, November 5, 2011** in Waupaca.



2011 State Poster and Speaking Contests



November 5, 2011

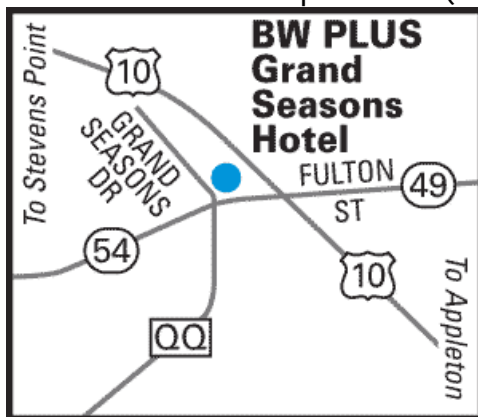
Best Western Grand Seasons Hotel
110 Grand Seasons Drive Waupaca, WI 54981
715-258-9212

SCHEDULE

9:00 a.m. Registration, Judges' Orientation &
Continental Breakfast
10:00 a.m. Welcome and Instructions
10:15 a.m. Contest Begins
11:45 p.m. Awards Presentation

Directions

FROM NORTH-Take I-39S to US10E to first Waupaca exit (49N/54W).
FROM SOUTH-Take I39N to 54E.
FROM EAST-Take US10W to fourth Waupaca exit (49N/54W).
FROM WEST-Take US10E to first Waupaca exit (49N/54W).



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If you have any questions, please contact the office manager at WLWCA:
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Representing Wisconsin's County Land Conservation Committees and Departments

2011 State Conservation Awareness Speaking Contest Initial Entry Form

STUDENT

Contest Division _____

Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

School _____ Grade _____

Teacher's Name _____

School Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Title of Presentation _____

General Subject of Presentation _____

Length of Speech (approximate minutes) _____

Name of your local newspaper _____

Newspaper Telephone Number _____ Newspaper Email: _____

Parent or Guardian's Signature (REQUIRED)

Parental Signature authorizes WLWCA to use photography from competition for promotional purposes, and implies all information regarding the minor is true and correct.

SPONSORING LOCAL DEPARTMENT

County _____

Contact _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

STATE ASSOCIATION

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AREA ASSOCIATION AND AREA CONTACT: _____

(fill in if contestant wins at Area Level and goes on to the State Contest)



**Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association
2011 State Conservation Poster and Speaking Contest
Registration Form for State Level Qualifiers**

NAME	STATUS
	Speaker

Instructions:

ALL ATTENDEES MUST BE IDENTIFIED ON THIS FORM*

Name – Please be sure to print *legibly* to insure accuracy on name badges, certificates and in contest program.

Status – Please indicate Speaker, Parent, Sibling, LCC/LCD, etc.

**Please, both pages of form must be received in WLWCA office with parental signature
and list of attendees no later than
Monday, October 31, 2011:**

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**To ensure that WLWCA provides proper amounts of space and food, name badges and programs at the facility, your cooperation in letting us know who will be in attendance is appreciated.*

***Area Competition facilitators will submit both registration pages to the state level upon contestant's winning of first place in the county and area competitions. Area competitions must be completed by Friday, October 28, 2011.*