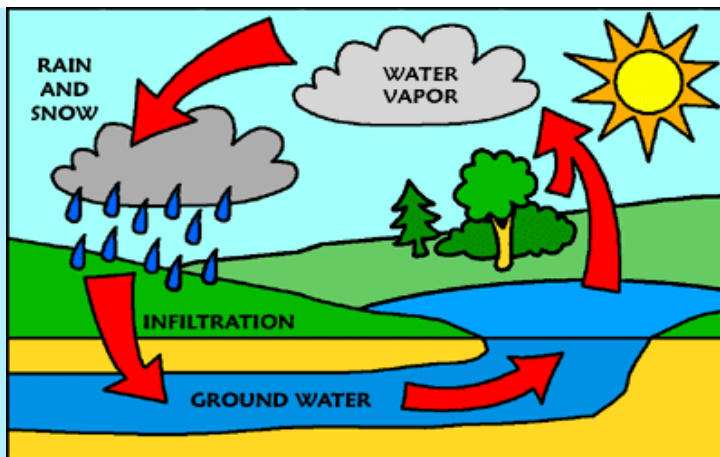


“Water.....The Cycle of Life” SPEECH Contest

The Orange Soil and
Water Conservation
District
presents....



The 7th & 8th
Grade
PUBLIC SPEAKING
Contest!

Show off YOUR Public Speaking Skills by participating in the “Water.....The Cycle of Life” Contest

Why participate in this contest? Soil and Water are two of our most precious natural resources. Without healthy and clean water, we would not be able to sustain life!

The water cycle describes the never ending journey of water as rains on land, flows to the sea and then returns to the clouds through evaporation. Your students will learn more about evaporation, infiltration, runoff and precipitation.

Where does the water go when it rains? The different types of ground surface will control how the water flows on the ground (i.e.: pavement, grass or forests?). Your students can learn the answers to these questions and many others as they investigate The Water Cycle and it’s importance to each and every one of us.

I hope that you and your students will participate in this year’s Orange Soil and Water Conservation Public Speaking Contest !!

Contest is open to all Orange County public schools, private schools & homeschool students.

The “Water...The Cycle of Life!” for Life!” contest theme can be incorporated or used to enhance NCDPA Standard Course of Study, Essential Standards for Science for each grade level in the unit:

7th Grade: 7.E.1—Earth Systems, Structures & Processes

8th Grade: 8.E.1—Earth Systems, Structures & Processes & Ecosystems

CASH PRIZES!!!!

1st Place: \$50 2nd Place: \$45 3rd Place: \$40

To Register? Contact Lisa Pope at (919) 245.2750 or email her at lpope@orangecountync.gov. You will receive a rubric of skills criteria & “Helpful Tips” sheet will be sent to participants.

To schedule your public speaking presentation: Call Lisa Pope

Contest entries are due by Friday,

February 9th!

THEME—“Water.....the Cycle of Life!”

CONTEST RULES

- ◆ All entries should reflect the theme’s content and should represent what the student feels best describes the topic. Be ORIGINAL in your work! Judges are looking for entries that best describes the message to an audience while being original and creative.
- ◆ Speech is limited from 4-6 minutes. Any speech under 4 minutes or over 6 minutes will have 5 points deducted from the final score by judges. An official timekeeper will be present for contest

JUDGING CRITERIA—Speech must address the theme—“Water.....the Cycle of Life!”

Comprehensive Knowledge of Subject	20%
Originality	5%
Organization	15%
Skillful Use of Facts, Examples, Descriptions & Analogies	10%
Voice and Diction	15%
Style	20%
Body Language	15%

DEADLINE

Entries are due by Friday, February 9, 2018. Please contact office for a “Helpful Tips” sheet. Upon registration, a rubric of skills criteria and a “Helpful Tips” sheet will be sent to all participants.

All Speech Entries can be submitted by:

1. ELECTRONIC: Send speech to lpope@orangecountync.gov by the deadline date. Please include in subject line “Speech Contest Entry”.
2. Mail to: Orange SWCD, P.O. Box 8181, Hillsborough, NC 27278 Attn: Lisa or drop off to Lisa Pope at the Environment & Agriculture Center located at 306 Revere Road, Suite D, Hillsborough, NC 27278.

Speech IDEAS ??? Ideas can include, but not limited to:

- Why is water so important for life?
- Water Quality
- How does water affect the Planet’s Ecosystems?
- Interaction of Soil and the Water Cycle
- Water Cycle Process.....Learn the 4 main stages in the water cycle: evaporation, condensation, precipitation and collection

