

Wisconsin Land+Water Conservation Association

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2015 Conservation Speech Contest Guidelines

State Contest – **Monday, March 9, 2015** at Paper Valley Hotel, Appleton, WI

Contest Division

1. Elementary Division...(3-5 minute speeches).....Students enrolled in grades 5-6.
2. Junior Division.....(5-8 minute speeches).....Students enrolled in grades 7-8.
3. Senior Division.....(5-8 minute speeches).....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 the state of Wisconsin.

Authenticity and accuracy of information is important and the speaker should demonstrate familiarity with the subject matter. Feel free to contact Natural Resource professionals as they can provide knowledge on numerous 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.

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. Group presentations are not allowed.

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. The winners of each division in each county may compete in the area association contests. **Students must participate in a county and/or area contest to compete in the state contest.**

Area Contest

Local county winner will advance to their area contest. Please view our website for your area contest dates, www.wisconsinlandwater.org/. 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 state contest set-up and publicity purposes. 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 WI Land+Water office no later than Thursday, February 26, 2015 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.

Contest Scheduling

County and area association contests should be completed by **Tuesday, February 24, 2015**. For your local contest dates, please visit www.wisconsinlandwater.org/. State contest entry forms for each area contest winner must be received at the WI Land+Water office no later than **Thursday, February 26, 2015**.

State Contest

The WI Land+Water Conservation Association Youth and Education Committee and the WI Land+Water Youth Education Director shall be responsible for conducting the state contest. The state contest will be held on **Monday, March 9, 2015 at the Paper Valley Hotel, Appleton, Wisconsin. Registration will be from 9:00am-9:30am**. First place winners in each division are invited to present their winning speeches at the **2015 WI Land+Water Annual Conference Luncheon** that same day at **11:00am**.

Judges will be resource professionals and may ask questions of the speakers. Such questioning shall be done to explore the speaker's knowledge of the subject matter.

State contest RSVP must be completed by **Thursday, February 26, 2015** and immediately forwarded to the WI Land+Water office. For publicity purposes at the state level, be sure to include the full mailing address of your local newspaper. Division winner's information will be sent by the state coordinator to the media outlets. **All state contest entry forms must be completely filled out and signed by a parent or guardian and received in the WI Land+Water office no later than Thursday, February 26, 2015 in order for the student to be eligible to compete.**

2014 State Speech Winners

(pictured with Jim Vandebrook, WI Land+Water Director and Mariah Haberman, Discover Wisconsin co-host)



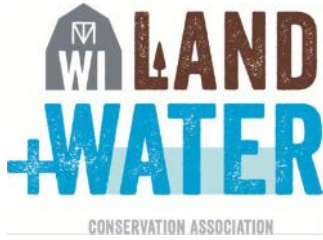
Breanna Weiland
Waupaca County
Elementary Division



Chloe Steiner
Barron County
Junior Division



Lily Howder
Eau Claire County
Senior Division



2015 Conservation Awareness Speaking Contest County Level Entry Form

****Please fill out completely and legibly****

STUDENT

Contest Division: **ELEMENTARY (5-6 grade)** **JUNIOR (7-8 grade)** **SENIOR (9-12 grade)**

Name: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

School Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Title of Presentation: _____

Name of your local newspaper: _____

Newspaper Telephone Number: _____ Newspaper Email: _____

Parent or Guardian's Signature **(REQUIRED)**

Parental Signature authorizes county, area association, and WI Land+Water to use photography from competition for promotional purposes, and implies all information regarding the minor is true and correct.

LOCAL DEPARTMENT SPONSOR



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