



2017/2018
Soil and Water Conservation District
6th Grade Power Point Slideshow Contest

WHO: All 6th Grade Students in Johnston County

WHAT: Submit a 5-minute MS PowerPoint slide show using no more than 15 slides

THEME: “Water – The Cycle of Life”

WHEN: Deadline for entries is Friday, December 8, 2017 at 5:00pm. The number of allowable entries from each school is based on student enrollment in that grade.

Example	0 - 99 Students	1 Entry per grade level
	100 – 199 Students	2 Entries per grade level
	200 – 299 Students	3 Entries per grade level

PRIZES: 1st Place - \$ 50.00 Cash Prize
2nd Place - \$ 25.00 Cash Prize
3rd Place - \$ 15.00 Cash Prize
All School Entries – Certificate

LEVELS: **District** – Johnston County Students
Area IV – Johnston County winners compete with 11 other counties
State – Area IV winners compete with 8 other Areas for State Winner

****An Awards Banquet Dinner will be held on Friday, February 2, 2018 at 6:30 PM at the Johnston County Agricultural Center at 2736 NC Hwy. 210 in Smithfield to recognize the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place winners. First place winners will present their winning slideshow.****

6th Grade MS PowerPoint Slide Show Contest Rules

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1. The contest is open to all 6th grade students in Johnston County Schools.
2. Students prepare a 5-minute MS PowerPoint Slide Show on an assigned environmental theme.
3. The contest theme is **“Water – The Cycle of Life”**.
4. The slide show shall contain no more than 15 slides of content. Fewer slides are allowed.
5. **IMPORTANT!** Format of slide show - the slide immediately following the last content slide should be blank. (example: 15 slides in slide show, slide number 16 should be blank, OR, 12 slides in slide show, slide number 13 should be blank.) The slide immediately following the blank slide should contain the identifying information for the student (name, school, slide show title, student's address, teacher name and county). Example: slide show contains 15 slides of content, slide 16 is blank and slide 17 contains student contact information.
6. Slide shows must be created using Microsoft PowerPoint software. Files shall be saved so that they are compatible with PowerPoint 2003 (ppt.file). Do NOT save as pptx.file.
7. The use of audio sound is allowed.
8. The use of slide animation is allowed.
9. The use of video is NOT allowed. Slide shows using video will be disqualified.
10. Slide shows shall not exceed a maximum of 5 minutes in length.
11. The Slide Shows may be submitted electronically to: susan.woodard@johnstonnc.com
NOTE: if presentation exceeds 5 MB, please use CD, flash drive or memory stick. Files larger than 10 MB can also be uploaded via FTP. Flash drives will be returned if requested.
12. All slide shows will be judged electronically.
13. Slide shows must be the original work of the individual student. Original work is created by the student and shows a fresh, new idea. Students should be aware of copyright protection. (see attached copyright section)
14. Prizes for the contest will be awarded as follows:
 - 1st Place - \$ 50.00 Cash Prize
 - 2nd Place - \$ 25.00 Cash Prize
 - 3rd Place - \$ 15.00 Cash Prize
 - All School Entries – Certificate

1. Judging Criteria

The NCASWCD (North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts) has adopted a standard slide show score sheet to be used at all contest levels. Slide shows will be judged on the following criteria. (Refer to Slide Show Pointers and the scoring sheet for tips.)

Conservation Message-----50 points
Visual Effectiveness-----30 points
Universal Appeal-----10 points
Originality-----10 points

2. Infractions: Points will be deducted for the following infractions:

- Copyright violation -5 points
- Exceeding the maximum number of slides -5 points
- Exceeding the maximum time limit (5 minutes) -5 points
- Use of video Disqualification

9. **An Awards Banquet Dinner will be held on Friday, February 2, 2018 at 6:30 PM in the Johnston County Agricultural Center at 2736 NC Hwy. 210 to recognize the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Winners.** Each student winner, their parents, teacher and principal are encouraged to attend. 1st Place Winner will present their slide show.

10. Please inform the Johnston Soil and Water Conservation District at 934-7156 ext.3 of the total number from their school that will be attending the banquet by Friday, January 26, 2018.

Slide shows must be identified by containing the following information on the final slide of the slide show.

Student Name _____	Grade _____
Slide Show Title _____	
Slide Show File Name _____	
Student's Address _____	

Teacher's Name _____	School _____
County _____	District _____