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2025-2026 Power-point slides



Participant Eligibility:

6th grade students are eligible to compete in the computer designed slide show contest. Separate contests will be held for the District, Area and State levels.

Judging Criteria:

The NCASWCD has adopted a standard computer designed slide show contest score sheet to be used at all contest levels. Entries will be judged on the following points

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

Infractions:

- Violates Copyright - 5 points
- Exceeds Slide Limit (15 slides max) - 5 points
- Exceeds Time Limit (5 minutes max) - 5 points
- Use of video - Disqualification

Prize Money:

\$ 1st Place: \$50

\$ 2nd Place: \$35

\$ 3rd Place: \$25

There will be no area level competition for this contest

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Contest Procedure:

Contests will be conducted on the District, Area and State levels. District First Place winners will be eligible to enter the Area contests, and Area First Place winners will be eligible to enter the State contest. Each contest coordinator shall see that contestants and judges have a copy of the rules and shall urge them to study these rules, especially the sections on content, specifications, copyright and judging criteria.

All computer designed slide shows entered into District sponsored competition become the property of the respective District. These entities are entitled to use these slide shows for promotion of the Conservation District program.

Specifications:

- Slide show should be limited to a maximum of 15 slides
- The final slide of the presentation should be blank with an additional slide to follow with the contact information
 - Slide Show (max of 15 slides)
 - Blank Slide
 - Identifying Information Slide
- Slide shows should be viewable on a PC computer compatible with PowerPoint 2003 ppt-file
- Audio (sound) is allowed
- Slide animation is allowed
- Video is **NOT** allowed and will result in disqualification if used
- Slide shows should be a max of 5 minutes in length
- Slide shows should be submitted electronically and will be judged electronically
- Must be an original work of the student
- Slide show should be fresh, new, and creative
- Information should display relevant content to the nature of conservation (Soil Conservation, Water Conservation, and Best Management Practices)

Pointers:

- Follow a logical order - start with a title/introductory slide and have slides progress so that they build on previous slides. End the presentation with a conclusion slide
- Use one theme and develop a theme to catch viewers attention and holding it
- Be creative and colorful and use pictures/illustrations
- Use large enough lettering for the information to be easily read
- Balance text and images on each slide
- Simple fonts are easier to read than fancy ones

Avoid:

- Multiple themes
- Overly busy slides (avoid too many pictures or too much text on each slide)
- Small text that's difficult to read
- Poor color contrast between text and background
- Irrelevant material that distracts from the topic and overall message