

# Poster Contest

Do you know a child that is interested in art?  
Butler SWCD is hosting the local poster contest  
with the theme:

***"Soil. Where it all begins"***

**Soil.**  
Where it all Begins



## Contest Rules:

- ✿ Any media may be used – paint, crayon, colored pencil, charcoal, stickers, paper or other materials on regular posters.
- ✿ All posters must be created by an individual student rather than a team of students.
- ✿ Poster size must be NO LARGER THAN 11" x 17", as we must scan in all winning entries to send forward in the competition.
- ✿ Posters should be packaged so they remain flat when sent for judging.
- ✿ The title ***"Soil. Where it all begins"*** must be on your poster!
- ✿ Each entry must have signed entry form to be eligible for judging.
- ✿ Although younger students will most likely receive help in planning from parent or teachers, NACD encourages each student to do as much of the work as possible by him/herself. Entries completed by students in their own writing and coloring will score better than those designed, drawn, and colored by adult assistance.

**Deadline:** Entries must be received by 4 pm on **June 1, 2026**.

**Send to:** Entries must include the entry form (see second page of this document) and be mailed to, or dropped off at the **Butler SWCD, 1802 Princeton Rd, Hamilton, OH 45011**. Or, emailed to [butlerswcd@bcoho.gov](mailto:butlerswcd@bcoho.gov) Emailed submissions should be in **PDF, JPEG, or PNG format**.

***Posters sent straight to the State or National contest will NOT be judged. They must first be received by the local SWCD office.***

*If you are not from Butler County, please check with your local SWCD office to see if they are hosting this contest.*

**Entry Form:** All posters must have the National entry form securely attached to be included in the contest. The form is on the back of this paper.

**Winners:** Butler SWCD will pick winners to represent each grade band to the State Competition. The State will pick winners and send to the National

***If you have any questions, please call 513-887-3720,  
or email [ButlerSWCD@bcoho.gov](mailto:ButlerSWCD@bcoho.gov)***

## Who Can Participate?

The poster contest is open to all students in grades K-12.

### Age Categories:

K – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade  
2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade  
4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
7<sup>th</sup> – 9 Grade  
10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

## Judging Guidelines:

Posters are judged on the following criteria:

- ✿ Conservation Message, correct theme (50 %)
- ✿ Visual Effectiveness (30%)
- ✿ Originality (10%)
- ✿ Universal Appeal (10%)