



## 2020 Waccamaw Conference

### *Fecal Matters: The Ins and Outs of Poop in Our Watershed*

#### Student Poster & Art Contest Overview

#### **ABOUT THE CONFERENCE**

The Waccamaw Conference is an annual educational conference for the public focused on the importance of our natural water resources and efforts to protect them. The 2020 conference is co-hosted by the Waccamaw RIVERKEEPER® Program of Winyah Rivers Alliance, Coastal Waccamaw Stormwater Education Consortium, North Inlet - Winyah Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, and Horry County Museum. This FREE community conference will take place on Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup> 2020 from 12:00 – 4:30 pm at the Horry County Museum (805 Main Street Conway, SC 29526).

#### **CONFERENCE THEME**

This year's theme is "Fecal Matters: The Ins and Outs of Poop in Our Watershed" highlighting the sources and impacts of poop in the Winyah Bay watershed and what you can do to help. The conference will feature guest speakers, interactive exhibits, and a student science poster and artwork contest focused on multiple topics relating to fecal contaminants on land and in our waterways, including: pet and wildlife waste, stormwater runoff, farming operations, septic systems, and more!

#### **STUDENT POSTER CONTEST DETAILS**

Students (K-12<sup>th</sup> and post-secondary) are invited to enter a science poster or artwork that focuses on the sources and impacts of poop in our local waterways (e.g., rivers, estuaries, ocean), and some effective individual and community solutions. Students may choose to enter something applicable that has already been developed or create an entirely new science poster or artwork. Examples include: science class or club project, environmental stewardship or volunteer initiative, artwork (e.g., painting, photography, poem) and more. Creativity is always welcome!

Individual science poster and artwork submissions will be separated and organized into the following grade levels: elementary (K-5<sup>th</sup>); Middle (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>); high (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>); and post-secondary (e.g., university, institute). One 1<sup>st</sup> place award will be given to the winner of each age group in both the science and art categories. All science and art group submissions will be entered into a single pool and evaluated across all age groups for the chance to win one award. Group size is limited to 5 students maximum.

**\*IMPORTANT:** Posters/artwork must be submitted by December 2<sup>nd</sup> for a chance to win an award. Posters/artwork submitted from December 3<sup>rd</sup> through January 15<sup>th</sup> are only eligible for display at the conference and will not be judged for an award. Any posters/artwork submitted after January 15<sup>th</sup> will not be accepted. Examples of some exciting prizes from past conferences include: Huntington Beach State Park visitor passes, river kayaking passes, tote bags, t-shirts, reusable water bottles, gift cards to local eateries, educational resources, and more! Winners and awards will be revealed at the conference.

#### **Entry Requirements**

1. Topic must relate to and be appropriate for the public conference theme.

2. Size and orientation of poster/artwork may vary, but must not exceed 3 ft. x 3 ft.
3. Weight and material of the poster/artwork must be able to withstand being displayed on thin corkboard using pushpins (hanging supplies provided by conference hosts).

## How to Enter

**Step 1:** Submit your completed science poster or artwork

- To be considered for an award:
  - Completed entries must be submitted December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2019 by 5:00 pm. Please schedule a drop-off time at Coastal Carolina University with Lisa Swanger (contact information below).
  - All submissions must contain the following applicant information listed on the back of the poster/artwork:
    - Poster/artwork title
    - Student author(s) name(s)
    - Teacher name and email
    - School and grade level
    - Is this an individual or group entry?
    - Is this a science poster or artwork?
    - 1-2 sentence description of the poster/artwork
- To be considered for display only (i.e., no award):
  - Submit your completed science poster or artwork from December 3<sup>rd</sup> - January 15<sup>th</sup>. Please schedule a drop-off time at Coastal Carolina University with Lisa Swanger (contact information below).
  - All submissions must contain the same applicant information listed above on the back of the poster/artwork.

**Step 2:** Help spread the word about the conference and join us on February 1<sup>st</sup> 2020!  
Poster/artwork authors are not required to attend the event, but all are invited.

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