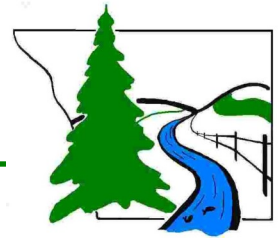


The Benton Soil & Water Conservation District's 2012 Conservation Photo Contest



The Benton Soil & Water Conservation District will be holding its Third annual conservation photo contest. There will be two groups for Benton County residents:

Group A— Grades 5- 8

Group B— Grades 9-12

CONTENT

Photographs may be entered into the contest that highlight natural resources conservation in Benton County. Examples may include: conservation practices (grassed waterways, shoreline stabilization, wildlife habitat, etc.), close-up conservation (irrigation systems, prairie plantings, etc.), or conservation in action (landowners implementing conservation practices, wildlife, livestock, etc.).

GUIDELINES

- There can only be one entry per participant. **Photos will not be returned.**
- Black-and-white prints, color prints, prints from digital photos, and emailed digital photos are all accepted and will be judged together. There is no size requirement—**however, it is preferred that photos be no larger than 8X10 and that they not be matted.**
- All entries become the property of the Benton SWCD. Photographs may be used in Benton SWCD publications or for promotional purposes.
- **The following information must be attached with the photograph:** A. Photographer's name, parent's name, address, phone number; B. teacher's name, school, grade level, and city; C. Title of photograph; D. Location; E. Description; and F. Date of photo

JUDGING/AWARDS

- Judges will select a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winner in the Group A (grades 5-8) and Group B (grades 9-12) category.

First place winners will receive \$50.00 and an award certificate

Second place winners will receive \$25.00 and an award certificate

Third place winners will receive \$15.00 and an award certificate

- Photos will be judged on technical merit and composition. For technical merit, judges may check to see if the photo is well-framed, properly exposed and sharp and clear. For composition, judges determine if the photo features a recognizable center of interest, action and imagination and creativity.

Please remember to have all entries delivered or emailed to the Benton Soil & Water Conservation District office by 4:30pm on Friday, March 30, 2012 for the countywide competition judging. Good Luck and have fun!

Placing a piece of cardboard in the envelope and writing "Photographs: Do Not Bend" on the envelope will help ensure that photographs arrive in good condition.

Photos can be emailed to Nathan@soilandwater.org