

Family Stream Day 2008 Poster, Prose and Photography Contest

Theme: *Loudoun Streams—Keep 'em Clean*

Water is such an important resource that sometimes we take for granted. Think about how many times you use water when you get ready for school. It was used to make and clean your clothes, produce the food for your breakfast, the steel in your school bus and the bread in your lunch box. Water even exists inside you! Think about the streams and creeks near your house. Have you seen animals take a drink? Watched frogs, birds and dragonflies play in the water? Or perhaps you've gone canoeing or fishing? Our behavior impacts those bodies of water and the animals that rely on them for life. When streams are clean and healthy, both people and animals can enjoy this resource. When streams are not clean, what happens? How does it affect you and your family? What can you do to help?

It's a careful balance to keep streams healthy and lively, and we can all do our part. From the microscopic to the large, life is dependent on streams so let's keep 'em clean.

Poster, Prose and Photography Contest Guidelines

The contest is open to all Loudoun County students in grades K–12 (public, private and home-school). The objective of the contest is to create an entry that characterizes the theme: *Loudoun Streams—Keep 'em Clean*.

Posters should not be larger than 11" x 17". Essays and poems can be hand printed or typed, and must fit on one page 8-1/2" x 11" (standard letter size). Photos may be standard or digital format, black and white or color and no larger than 8"x10". You can submit entries by email to lyoung@loudounwater.org

All entries become the property of the sponsors and may be used at their discretion. The sponsors reserve the right to alter a poster's design for printing purposes. Original entries will be returned to students.

Important: The following information must appear on the back of each entry or in the email to qualify for the contest and to ensure recognition at the Family Stream Day ceremony.

Student's name

Grade

Age

School Name

Teacher's Name

All entries must be received by 5:00 p.m., October 1, 2008. By email: lyoung@loudounwater.org

Mail or hand deliver to: Liza Young, Loudoun Water, 44865 Loudoun Water Way, Ashburn, VA 20147. (The new facility off of Loudoun County Parkway.)

Prizes

Prizes will be awarded at the Seventh Annual Family Stream Day celebration on Saturday, October 18, 2008, at The Loudoun Water Aquary, 44865 Loudoun Water Way, Ashburn, VA 20147, where all entries will be displayed and available for pickup by the artists.

The top 50 entries overall, as determined by the sponsors, will receive an Audubon Pond Watcher's Guide.

One grand prize – a \$25 gift certificate – will be awarded to the best entry (which may be either a poster, prose or photo) in each of the following grade groups. One winner will be selected per age group:

- Elementary (grades K-5)
- Middle School (grades 6-8)
- High School (grades 9-12)

Loudoun Watershed Watch (www.loudounwatershedwatch.org) organizes Family Stream Day to coincide with World Monitoring Day. Loudoun Environmental Stewardship Alliance is proud to cohost this year's event.

For more information, please contact Liza Young at Loudoun Water, 571.291.7847 or lyoung@loudounwater.org