



CHAMPAIGN COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

PHOTO CONTEST



FOR YOUTH AND ADULT AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHERS

Please Submit your Conservation or Agriculture related photos by May 3, 2010.

The winning photograph from each category will be displayed in the office and the photos will be sent to the Association of Illinois Soil and Water Conservation District Auxiliary Contest.

Winning contestants will be honored at the Champaign County SWCD Annual Meeting.

A few things to know:

- Pictures must be submitted in electronic format (jpeg or tiff).
- Adult and Youth categories will be judged separately.
- Contestants may enter 5 photographs.
- Amateurs only please (less than 50% of income from photography)
- Your photos may be used in publications.

Pictures are Worth More than Words

FOR FULL CONTEST RULES AND OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM, PLEASE CONTACT THE
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY SWCD
2110 W. PARK COURT, SUITE C
CHAMPAIGN, IL 61821
217.352.3536 EXT 3
WWW.CCSWCD.COM

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The purpose of this contest is to recognize individuals whose pictures are worth more than words.

Contest Information:

1. Only amateur photographers are eligible (those who make less than 50% of their income from photography) and are Illinois residents.
2. Photographs may be entered in the following categories (One adult and one youth winner will be selected from each category):
 - a. **CONSERVATION PRACTICES**
Includes 26 conservation practices: contour buffer strips, contour farming & stripcropping, cover crop, critical area planting, crop residue management, crop rotation, diversion, field borders, grade stabilization structures, grass waterways, livestock management, manure storage and runoff control, nutrient management, pasture planting, pest management, riparian buffer, rotational grazing, stream bank & shoreline stabilization, terrace, tree planting, upland wildlife habitat, water and sediment control basin, well abandonment, wetland restoration, wildlife food plot, windbreaks, and woodlot management.
 - b. **CLOSE UP CONSERVATION**
Includes aquatic insects, clean water, crops and plants and water/rain, dirty water/sediment, hands/tools in soil-water-grains-on farm animals, irrigation, plants and soil/residue, plants/flowers/crops, recycling, prairie plants, compost, farm implements, water drops/drips/splashes, and worms/roots/compost.
 - c. **CONSERVATION IN ACTION**
SWCDs in action: conservation planning, Youth programs, office staff at work, interaction with landowners, field days, fairs, exhibits, board meetings and more, irrigation/crops and water/wildflowers and water, technical staff at work, wildlife, insects, livestock, aquatic life.
 - d. **AG/CONSERVATION ACROSS AMERICA**
Barns, crops, farm practices, fence rows, livestock, implements and tools, ponds, ranching, youth, tree farm, farmers/landowners, grazing, and pastures.
 - e. **YOUTH ONLY**
This category is designed for youth up to the age of 18. Photos must fit into one of the categories listed above (a-d).
3. Participants in photos must sign release form. When taking pictures of individuals, make sure subjects understand that their photo may be used in publications, web and/or video.
4. Photos must be submitted in electronic format - jpeg or tiff files (300 dpi min) only in via email to renee.weitekamp@il.nacdnet.net or burned to a CD and mailed with entry form. Sorry, no printed photos will be accepted.
5. Each participant may enter as many as five photographs.
6. Completed signed forms for **each** photo must be received for entry to be eligible for contest to Champaign County SWCD, 2110 W. Park Court, Suite C, Champaign, IL 61821.

7. Black-and-white prints, color prints and prints from digital photos are all acceptable and will be judged together. Do not send photo reproductions from a printed publication. Judges will select one winner from each category.
8. Images must not have been digitally altered in any way other than necessary burning, dodging and cropping.
9. All entries will be sent to the AISWCD for the state contest. Each category winner will receive two (2) complimentary meal tickets at the AISWCD annual meeting where the awards will be presented, a certificate of achievement and a monetary award. The winning photos will also be displayed at AISWCD's Annual Meeting held in July in Springfield, IL. Honorable mentions will be selected for each category, but there is no monetary award.
10. All entries will then be sent to NACD for their national photo contest. Photos become property of NACD. They will also become part of the NACD Conservation Photo gallery and be made available to local conservation districts & NACD to use in their conservation outreach projects.

THE WINNING PHOTOGRAPHS IN EACH CATEGORY WILL BE DISPLAYED AT
THE CCSWCD OFFICE AND CONTESTANTS WILL BE HONORED AT THE
ANNUAL MEETING IN JANUARY.

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OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Photographer's Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone number: _____

E-mail address (if applicable): _____

Photo Title: _____

Location photo taken: _____
(State, City or county)

Photo Category: *(Check appropriate category)*

- Conservation Practices
- Close Up Conservation
- Conservation in Action
- Ag/Conservation Across America

Please Select One: <input type="checkbox"/> Adult <input type="checkbox"/> Youth

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