**ESSAY CONTEST**

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**TOPIC:**

**“We All Need Trees”**

**RULES:**

1. Open to **ANY** Hendry County student in grades 4 through 12, and must be the work of the individual student.
2. Contestants must provide four (4) typewritten copies of their essay, double-spaced on 8 ½ x 11 inch plain white paper, with a one inch margin.
3. Essay must be typed using a standard size 12 font (suggested: Times New Roman, Ariel, Calibri, Trebuchet MS or Corbel)
4. Essay must be a minimum of 4 pages and maximum of 5 pages in length.
5. Entries are required to have a **COVER PAGE** which must include: Contestants Name, Address, Telephone Number, Name of School or Club, Teacher or Advisor Name, and Grade Level. Do **NOT** include name or any other identifying information on any other pages of the essay

**JUDGING CRITERIA:**

**50% Content-** knowledge of subject, develops and follows theme **“We All Need Trees”** (no other subject is eligible for contest), presents accurate facts, stimulates thinking, and original (no plagiarism)

**30% Composition-** innovative style (keeps your interest, clear message, easily understood by reader), opening and closing tie together, correct use of grammar, vocabulary, spelling, punctuation, and proper paragraph transitions.

**20% Organization-**neatness, legibility, correct cover page, and conformance to length.

**DIVISIONS:**

Florida children who participate in the poster contest will be divided into the following divisions and a first, second and third place winner will be chosen for each:

Division 1 4th – 8th Grade

Division 2 9th – 12th Grade

**AWARDS:**

1st place: $75.

2nd place: $50.

3rd place: $25.

All other participants will receive a ribbon or a certificate of participation.

**DEADLINE: NO CONTESTS ARE BEING HELD AT THIS TIME**

Please mail essays to Hendry SWCD at P.O. Box 248, LaBelle, FL 33975 or deliver to: Hendry SWCD, 1085 Pratt Blvd, Dallas Townsend Agricultural Building, LaBelle, FL 33935

**RESOURCES:**

Please take advantage of the downloads available on the NACD website, [www.nacdnet.org](http://www.nacdnet.org) to understand the Conservation Essay Contest guidelines and for great resources.