**SPEECH CONTEST**

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**TOPIC:**

**“We All Need Trees”**

**RULES:**

1. Open to **ANY** Hendry County student in grades 6 through 12.
2. Contestants can speak on any subject within the topic.
3. Contestant will pre-register by delivering four (4) typewritten copies of their speech, double-spaced on 8 ½ by 11 inch white bond paper by 5 pm on March 20, 2015 to the Hendry Soil and Water Conservation District office at the address below
4. 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.
5. Late receipt of any manuscript will be assessed at a rate of 1 point for each day the speech is late after the due date.
6. Contestants may use notes while speaking, visual aids may not be used.
7. Time limit is 6-8 minutes. Penalties will be given for less than 6 minutes or more than 8 minutes.

**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)

**40% Delivery**

**10% Composition**

**AWARDS:**

1st place: $100.

2nd place: $75.

3rd place: $50

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

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

Please mail written copies of speech 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 downloads available on the NACD website, [www.nacdnet.org](http://www.nacdnet.org) to understand the Conservation Speech Contest guidelines and for great resources.