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Dear Educators and Scout Leaders,

The students at your school are invited to participate in the Piedmont Soil and Water Conservation District's <u>2024 Youth Conservation Poster Contest</u>. This packet contains contest entry rules, entry form, and participant roster. This is a great opportunity for students to learn the importance of forests while getting a chance to show off their creativity.

This year's theme is:

"May the Forest be With You Always"

Good posters tell important stories. To encourage your students to make good posters we have a certificate and book mark for every participant and ribbons for school and district contest winners. There is a \$25 gift card prize for the grand winning poster. The grand winning poster will also be on display at Red Door 104 (104 N Main St, Farmville) for the month of June and entered in the state Soil & Water Conservation District's contest. Last year we received over 450 entries! All posters will be returned.

Educational resources can be downloaded free of charge at https://www.nacdnet.org/store/. Please reach out if you should need additional assistance with forest education concepts.

The poster contest **deadline** is **Friday**, **April 12**, **2024**. Posters can be dropped off at our office in Farmville (100 Dominion Drive) or at the <u>Longwood Center for Visual Arts (LCVA)</u> (129 N Main St, Farmville; Tues-Sat 11-5; Sun 1-5). Please email me when you have dropped them off or if you need assistance in having them picked up.

The Piedmont SWCD values your partnership. Feel free to contact me for more information at: katinson@piedmontswcd.org or (434) 392-3782 ext 132. I look forward to seeing some great art!

Kindest regards,

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