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Dear Art Teachers,

The students at your school are invited to participate in the Piedmont Soil and Water Conservation District's 2021 Youth Conservation Poster Contest. This packet contains contest entry rules, entry form, participant roster (you may use your own class roster), forest information and a link (see below) with helpful information. This is a great opportunity for students to learn the importance of trees while getting a chance to show off their creativity.

This year's theme is:
"Healthy Forests = Healthy Communities"

Good posters tell important stories. To encourage your students to make good posters we have a certificate and bookmark for every participant, and ribbons for school and district contest winners. A *gift card* will be awarded to the grand winner.

The deadline to submit posters is **Tuesday, April 20, 2021**. **Please contact me to arrange a time to pick up posters or they can be dropped off at our office or your local Virginia Cooperative Extension office (contact me for that information and to let me know if you plan to drop off)**. After the posters are judged, I will contact you to arrange a time to return the posters. All posters will be returned. Last year we received over 200 entries and anticipate great participation again this year!

The Piedmont SWCD values your partnership. I look forward to working with you on this fun natural resource program! Please contact me for more information or if I can help in any way.

Kindest regards,
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Visit the web address below to access a power point to learn more about trees.

<https://vaswcd.org/poster-contest>

Select: NACD Power Presentation about 2021 Poster

