

Richland Soil & Water Conservation District Newsletter

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Earth Day Awards



This year's topic for our contest was **Energy**. Everyone was challenged to be creative when thinking about energy as they prepared their Posters, Essays and when taking their Photographs. What are some different sources of energy? What kinds of energy sources will be in your future? Which sources of energy are renewable and what are nonrenewable? John V. Green, Chairman, of the Richland Conservation District (Pictured on the right) congratulates the winners of the Earth Day Contest.

The Annual Recognition Banquet took place on May 14, 2007 at Clemson's Sandhill Lake house, this serene setting is a beautiful reminder of what **Conservation of our Natural Resources** is all about. Once again, a big Thank You to all Affiliates who help make these programs possible.



Mrs. Judy Rogers' Kindergarten Class from Windsor Elementary School took First Place in the Kindergarten Division of our Earth Day Poster Contest. This year's topic was energy. The children learned a lot about Energy. Where is Energy? What kind of fuels will we have in the Future? What is Energy?

Pictured on the right are the winners of the 2007 Conservation Teachers of the Year Contest. Peyton Sasnett (l) from Heathwood Hall Episcopal School in the Elementary category, and Juli Jones from Kelly Middle School in the Secondary category. Both of these dedicated Teachers were truly inspirational.



Teacher, Rose Tindell, from Cardinal Newman School taught the students that took first and second place in the Essay Contest. 1st Place went to Andrea Law with 2nd Place going to Sally Angela Dunaway. Congratulations to both young ladies.

SPRING AWARDS BANQUET



Richland County Council member, Val Hutchinson,

made an impassioned plea to the audience for the need to conserve our natural resources so that the kids of today and tomorrow will have green spaces to catch tadpoles in a pond, chase dragon flies in the woods, feed bread to the ducks or get a cane pole and go fishing with their dad. Like all good things in life it will take some effort on our part to preserve this rich heritage for our children's children.



Richland Conservation District, Chairman, John V. Green (l) awarded a \$1,000 FFA Scholarship to Ryan Fleming (middle) who attends Blythe-wood High School. Ryan's FFA instructor, Tom Willingham is pictured on the right. Ryan will be attending Central Carolina Technical College this fall. Ryan's involvement in FFA, has given him the necessary head start to prepare him for a career in Agri Business.

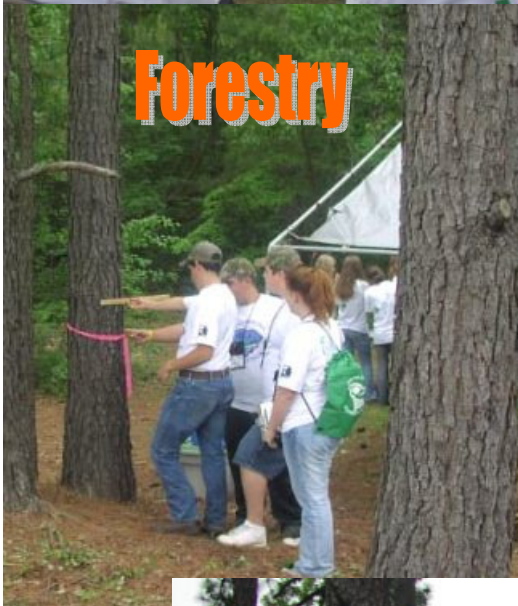


Envirothon Educational and Fun



Oral Presentation

Action oriented
students making a
difference in
the environment.



Forestry



Current Topic



Winners

Richland Conservation District

was proud to be the primary sponsor of this year's 2007 SC Envirothon. The Envirothon builds awareness of our environmental issues. Concepts such as renewable versus non-renewable resources are stressed as are their interdependence and interaction of ecosystems. Teams of 5 students are tested on their knowledge of aquatics, forestry, soils, wildlife, a current environmental issue and an oral presentation.



The **SC Envirothon** is a competition that involves rotation through five different stations testing the student's knowledge of natural resources. Students from the top three winning teams receive college scholarships. The 1st place team was from Spartanburg's A team. They will travel to New York this summer to compete in the national Canon Envirothon. Twenty five teams competed and a good time was had by all.



Soils

Affiliate Members are a vital part of our conservation team. Without the monetary support given from Affiliates, we would not be able to carry out the many programs to promote "Conservation Stewardship" within the county. The Conservation District is committed to helping educate the students and landowners of Richland County. Become an affiliate member by sending this slip to:

**Richland Conservation District
2020 Hampton Street, Room 3063A
Columbia, SC 29204**

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PLEASE NOTE

The Richland Conservation District Commissioner's Board Meeting will be the second Monday of each month. Each meeting begins at 6:30 PM. The public is cordially invited to attend. For information on meeting location please call 803-576-2080 or email fisherc@rcgov.us

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