

CONSERVATION PHOTO CONTEST & CALENDAR

(Bartow, Chattooga, Dade, Floyd, Gordon, Paulding, Polk, and Walker Counties)



Excellent photography can communicate volumes. To recognize students who use this tool effectively and creatively The Coosa River Soil and Water Conservation District is hosting a Photo Contest for **7th, 8th and 9th grade students** who reside in our Conservation District. Students may enter up to five photos that each fit into one of the following three categories:

Conservation Practices

Close-up Conservation

Conservation in Action

This is a local District contest with all winning photos being sent on to compete in the national conservation photo contest. The prize for the first place District winner will be \$100., second place \$75., third place \$50. The top 12 photos received from within the District will be made into a 2019 conservation calendar.

Entry Instructions

Compete and submit one **entry form and photo release** for each photo you would like to enter into the contest, along with the photos you are submitting, by email to tish.edwards@gacd.us by October 31, 2018. **Photos must be in a JPEG or TIFF file format.** If you are submitting a photo in which a subject or model's face is recognizable, you must also complete and attach this **subject and model release** with your photo(s). All emailed photo files must be named by category, age division, last name, state, and photo number. If you are submitting only one photo in a category, your photo number is "1." Additional photos in the same category should be numbered consecutively.

Additional Rules and Guidelines

Minor digital enhancements for cropping, red-eye removal, filters and corrective functions are permitted; however, an image judged to be significantly altered may be disqualified. Contestants are not permitted to place borders, frames or backgrounds around their images or to place watermarks, dates, signatures or copyright images onto photos. All entries become the property of the District. As such, the District reserves the non-exclusive right to use submittals in official publications and for promotional purposes. The photographer retains rights and use to their photo. All photos must be taken within the Coosa River District. Please note, The Top 12 Photos for the District will be made into a 2019 Conservation Calendar.

Questions please contact Tish Edwards 770-773-0648 or email tish.edwards@gacd.us



PHOTO CONTEST CATEGORIES

Before submitting your photo's, please review the following examples of the Three contest categories:

CATEGORY ONE: Conservation Practices

Contour Buffer Strips, Contour Farming and Strip Cropping, Cover Crops, Critical Area Planting, Crop Residue Management, Crop Rotation, Diversions, Field Borders, Grade Stabilization Structures (dam/embankment), Grass Waterways, Livestock Management, manure Storage and Runoff Control, Nutrient Management, Pasture Planting, Pest Management, Riparian Buffer, Rotational Grazing, Stream Bank and Shoreline Stabilization, Terraces, Tree Planting, Upland Wildlife Habitat, Water Sediment Control Basin, Well Abandonment, Wetland Restoration, Wildlife Food Plot, Windbreaks, and Woodlot Management.

CATEGORY TWO: Close Up Conservation

Aquatic Insects, Water, Crops, Plants, Soil, Sediment, Farm Animals Irrigation, Flowers, Worms, Roots, and Compost.

CATEGORY THREE: Conservation in Action

Conservation Districts in action; Conservation planning; District events (community meetings, field days, fairs, exhibits); farmers or landowners (conservation-related events, etc.) interaction with landowners; irrigating crops or watering flowers; office staff at work; supervisors or board members at meetings; technical staff at work; youth (school programs, speech, poster contest, Envirothon, on-farm, conservation-related events, etc.)

NOTE: Your submissions may be used in GACD, NACD and/or Coosa River District publications or websites so please be sure to include a photo release form signed by the individuals featured in your photos with your submission. Also, note that judges reserve the right to determine if a photograph is appropriately categorized and may change a photograph's category.