



2021 Waccamaw Conference Confluence: The Blue Trail Connection Student Poster & Art Contest Overview

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The Waccamaw Conference is an annual educational conference for the public focused on the importance of our natural water resources and efforts to protect them. The 2021 conference is co-hosted by the Waccamaw RIVERKEEPER® Program of Winyah Rivers Alliance, North Inlet - Winyah Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, Coastal Waccamaw Stormwater Education Consortium, and American Rivers. This FREE community conference will take place over an entire month from World Water Day (March 22nd) through Earth Day (April 22nd).

CONFERENCE THEME

This year's theme is "Confluence: The Blue Trail Connection" highlighting the cultural, historical, recreational, and economic opportunities offered by the Waccamaw River Blue Trail. The conference will feature both virtual and in-person events including guest speakers, expert panels, virtual tours, cleanups, and a student science poster and artwork contest focused on multiple topics relating to how we connect to the Waccamaw River in our own diverse ways. We are all connected and we want to focus on that connection when we all feel so disconnected during these strange times.

STUDENT POSTER CONTEST DETAILS

Students (K-12th and post-secondary) are invited to enter a science poster or artwork that focuses on their individual connection to the Waccamaw River Blue Trail. Students may choose to enter something applicable that has already been developed or create an entirely new science poster or artwork. Examples include: science class or club project, environmental stewardship or volunteer initiative, artwork (e.g., painting, photography, poem) and more. Creativity is always welcome!

Individual science poster and artwork submissions will be separated and organized into the following grade levels: elementary (K-5th); Middle (6th-8th); high (9th-12th); and post-secondary (e.g., university, institute). One 1st place award will be given to the winner of each age group in both the science and art categories.

***IMPORTANT:** Posters/artwork must be submitted by April 19th for a chance to win an award. Posters/artwork submitted after April 19th are only eligible for display on our online exhibit and will not be judged for an award. Any posters/artwork submitted after April 22nd will not be accepted.

Examples of some exciting prizes from past conferences include: Huntington Beach State Park visitor passes, river kayaking passes, tote bags, t-shirts, reusable water bottles, gift cards to local eateries, educational resources, and more! Winners and awards will be revealed at the conference.

Entry Requirements

1. Topic must relate to and be appropriate for the conference theme.
2. Entries must be submitted online through a Google Form. Photos or scans of the poster or artwork can be accepted in a digital format of JPG or PNG.

How to Enter

Step 1: Submit your completed science poster or artwork online using the Google Form

- To be considered for an award:
 - Completed entries must be submitted April 19th by 5:00 pm.
 - Please complete all required sections of the Google Form including:
 - Student author(s) name(s)
 - Contact email
 - Age group
 - Submission category (science or art)
 - JPG or PNG image of submission
 - Title of submission
 - Brief description of submission
- To be considered for virtual exhibit display only (i.e., no award):
 - Submit your completed science poster or artwork from March 22nd- April 22nd.
 - All submissions must be submitted via the Google Form as explained above.

Step 2: Help spread the word about the conference and join us for our events throughout the entire month! Be sure to join us for our Virtual Awards Ceremony on April 22nd!

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