



ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The Wacamaw Week (formerly 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 2023 conference is co-hosted by the Waccamaw RIVERKEEPER® Program of Winyah Rivers Alliance, North Inlet - Winyah Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, and Waccamaw Watershed Academy. This community conference will take place over the week of World Water Day from March 19 - 25, 2023.

CONFERENCE THEME

Our theme this year is Swamp Things! We want to celebrate all things related to our local swamps. We rely on swamps for flood mitigation, plant and animal habitat, water filtration, and even human recreation. Swamps are much more than meets the eye.

The week will feature outdoor activities, interactive competitions, a keynote speaker presentation, and a return to the Horry County Museum for a fun day of exploring our swamps with our educational exhibitors. Join us during the Waccamaw Week exploring our swamps, their importance in the watershed, and all the awesomeness they contain.

STUDENT POSTER CONTEST DETAILS

Students (K-12th and post-secondary) are invited to enter a science poster or artwork that focuses on our theme, Swamp Things! This is a broad topic that is open to individual interpretation! 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!

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 March 17th to be eligible for awards. Posters/artwork submitted after March 17th 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 during the conference.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

1. Topics must relate to and be appropriate for the conference theme.
2. Entries must be submitted to one of the hosts listed below. Please contact us to coordinate a drop off or pick up!

HOW TO ENTER

Step 1: Submit your completed science poster or artwork

To be considered for an award:

- Completed entries must be submitted March 17th by 5:00 pm.
- Please complete all required sections of the entry form and attach it to the poster or artwork. Information required includes:
 - Student name
 - Contact email
 - Teacher name (if submitted through school)
 - Age group
 - Submission category (science or art)
 - Title of submission
 - Brief description of submission

Step 2: Help spread the word about the conference and join us for our events throughout the entire month! Be sure to join us to see all the amazing posters and artwork on display at the Horry County Museum during our Swamp Summit on Saturday, March 25th!

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