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Public Education Programs

The WIWCD strives to provide our watershed residents and the general public with quality education pieces regarding conservation and the programs the WIWCD provides. We are committed to educational awareness for school age youth through various education components.

Conservation District Award

Each year a farm and/or farm family, a non-profit organization, a business and/or an industry that exists within each conservation district is recognized for their efforts towards conservation. Award nominees are required to exhibit, exemplify and execute good environmental stewardship practices. The WIWCD Conservation Award recipient is rewarded with an invitation to the annual Manitoba Conservation Districts Association (MCDA) Convention. The WIWCD publicizes the recipient in the local media and a non monetary acknowledgment is presented to the title holder.

Nominations are now being accepted for this recognition; if you have a farm and/or farm family, a non-profit organization, a business and/or an industry that exists within the WIWCD boundaries, please forward their name and details to our office before August 31, 2009.

Youth Speaking

To provide an opportunity for students in Grade 9 through 12 to develop their research and presentation skills as well as learn more about conservation. Speeches must be done individually. Students are welcome to base their speech on MCDA's convention theme but are not obligated to do so. Their presentations may relate to any environmental (global or local) issue of choice. The WIWCD is responsible for holding their own local competition (***2009 competition will be held November 19, 2009 at the WIWCD Annual General Meeting***). One individual will be chosen to attend Convention and represent the WIWCD at the MCDA Youth Speaking Competition.

- First Place \$250.00
- Second Place \$150.00
- Third Place \$100.00
- Up to four (4) banquet tickets and accommodations

The MCDA will present the winner chosen by a panel of judges with a monetary award and trophy at the banquet.

NOTE: The winner of the MCDA Youth Speaking Competition will be expected to give his/her speech at the MCDA Banquet following the announcement and presentations to all participants.

**** This competition will be accessible to Ashern, Lundar and St. Laurent high school students**

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Environmental Education

The WIWCD believes in the importance of educating the next generation of residents and landowners and will work with cooperating organizations and District schools to assist in implementing environmental education into the curriculum. Schools within the District will be eligible for up to \$500.00 per school per year.

Contact the WIWCD office with your environmental education ideas (i.e. in-class presentations, sponsorships, field trips, etc.) early in the year in order to ensure that plans are made for your school to be involved.

Please contact the WIWCD office at 204.762.5850 with any questions or feel free to visit us at our office in Lundar, located at 13 Main Street.

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