



Greenville County Soil and Water Conservation District

2017/2018

Greenville County Soil and Water Conservation District is offering a multitude of classroom programs to give students exposure to a variety of science, STEM/STEAM, and stormwater-related activities and labs.

All student programs are offered in Greenville County at **NO COST TO SCHOOLS.**



STORMWATER

STEM/STEAM

ANNUAL CONTESTS

**TEACHER
WORKSHOPS**

MINI-GRANTS

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EDUCATION CONTESTS FOR GREENVILLE COUNTY STUDENTS



PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Open to students K-12

Begin September 1, Entry Deadline November 9, 2017

The photography contest has four categories:

We All Need Trees - Anything tree related. Leaves, branches, fruit, a single tree or a forest

Agriculture and Farming - Photos of farm animals, crops in the field or on the table, people working in farm fields, farm equipment, old barns and buildings

Focus on Water - Anything water related including local rivers, lakes, streams and the animals that inhabit them

We Live on the Land - This can include landscapes, scenery, soil or animals that live on the land

\$50 prize for each category winner, \$100 Best in Show.

For more information, visit www.greenvillesoilandwater.com/

ESSAY CONTEST

Open to students 5th-8th Grades

Entry Deadline March 16, 2018

2018 Essay Theme: **Watersheds: Our Water, Our Home**

Three \$50 prizes for each grade with a special gift for teachers of winners.

For more information, visit www.greenvillesoilandwater.com/

GREENVILLE COUNTY EDUCATION PROGRAMS



All education programs are grade level adjusted and are appropriate for K-12 students

and meet SC grade level standards.

STORMWATER

Covers the whole water cycle, definition of stormwater, and what can pollute our waterways. Students learn what they can do to keep our rivers, lakes and streams clean for future generations!

CONNECTING KIDS TO THE LAND

How did that apple get into your lunch box? Where does our food come from? Students learn food facts, what crops are grown in SC, agriculture basics, and how familiar food items are created. They'll learn what foods come from animals or from plants and what sustainability means to our food supply.

LET'S GET WET!

(No students will actually get wet!) Using activities from the award winning ProjectWET curriculum, students will learn about all things water through activity based interdisciplinary and interactive activities - from watersheds and water quality to human use and conservation.

LET'S GO WILD!

Students learn about wildlife with Project WILD activities. Project WILD is one of the most widely-used conservation and environmental education programs among educators of students in kindergarten through high school. Actual fur pelts and skulls and scat replicas facilitate questions and answers. Students learn about local animals with the help of educational puppets.

ALL ABOUT TREES!

Students learn about trees with Project Learning Tree activities. PLT was the first conservation and environmental education program for students in kindergarten through high school.

CUSTOM PROGRAMS

GCSWCD is happy to tailor programs to subjects that you are covering in your classroom. Please contact us to discuss what we can do for you!

CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR TEACHERS

PROJECT WET / WILD / LEARNING TREE EDUCATOR WORKSHOPS

GCSWCD education staff serve as the SC State Coordinators for ProjectWET (Water Education for Teachers) and are facilitators for WILD and Learning Tree. Workshops are held for educators at all levels, formal and non-formal, on diverse environmental education topics so that those educators can reach children with objective, experiential, science-based curricula. These 6 hour workshops can be held at your school (minimum 8 teachers). Greenville County Schools will accept attendance at a workshop for CE Credits.

Cost \$35 per teacher for Curriculum Guide.

**Scholarships may be available for teachers. Please contact GCSWCD for availability and information.*

MINI-GRANTS FOR SCHOOL PROJECTS

The Greenville County Soil and Water Conservation District is pleased to offer 5 Mini-Grants in the amount of \$250 each for fall 2017. These grants are for conservation-related projects or education events/programs. A grant application is available at www.greenvillesoilandwater.com/ and must be returned by October 12, 2017 for consideration. These grants are offered in the fall so that schools participating in the Green Steps Schools program can fund projects.

GREEN STEPS SCHOOL MENTORING

Keep the Midlands Beautiful, Sonoco Recycling, and DHEC's Office of Solid Waste Reduction and Recycling established Green Steps Schools in 2003 as part of South Carolina's "Resource Conservation Challenge." This environmental education initiative encourages individual schools to take annual steps toward becoming more environmentally responsible.

In June 2016, 44 schools in 9 counties earned awards for nearly 200 Green Step projects. Nineteen schools are now designated certified Green Step schools for sustaining two or more model quality projects in each of three categories: conserve, protect, and restore. Twenty-one non-formal environmental educators also received recognition at the June 2016 awards ceremony for mentoring these schools.

GCSWCD education staff provides mentoring to any schools or teachers in Greenville County that would like to participate in this program. For more information, visit <http://greenstepschools.com/>

