**2020 Peter Francisco Soil and Water Conservation District Poster Contest Rules**

**POSTERS DUE OCTOBER 1, 2020**

**Eligibility**

The Peter Francisco Soil and Water Conservation District (PFSWCD) Poster Contest is open to kindergarten through twelfth grade students.

**2020 Contest Theme**

* The National Poster Contest theme “Where would we BEE without Pollinators?”
* Poster category by grade: K-1; 2-3; 4-6; 7-9; 10-12
* The contest is open to public, private or home school students.
* PFSWCD will select an entry from each category to forward to the state conservation association who in turn selects a poster for entering in each of the grade divisions and submits it to NACD.
* No posters can be sent directly to the national contest from individuals.

**Contest Rules**

 Any media may be used- paint, crayon, colored pencil, charcoal, stickers, paper or other materials on regular posters

 Any size poster may be used

 Posters should be packaged so they remain flat when sent for judging.

 All posters must be created by an individual student rather than a team of students.

 **The 2020 Stewardship title “Where would we BEE without Pollinators?” must be on your poster. This is the only title eligible for the poster contest.**

 Each entry must have signed entry form to be eligible for judging.

 Although younger students will most likely receive help in planning from parents or teachers, each student encouraged to do as much of the work as possible by him/herself. Entries completed by students in their handwriting and coloring will score better than those designed, drawn and colored by adult assistance.

**Poster Evaluations**

Poster Contest entries are reviewed judges. The posters are evaluated on the following criteria:

 Conservation message (50 percent) (Poster uses correct theme)

 Visual effectiveness (30 percent)

 Originality (10 percent) and

 Universal appeal (10 percent)

 Also considered is artwork is that of participant (unless noted on entry form)

**Card Prizes for 2019 Local Level:**

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| Grade K-1 and Grade 2-3 | Grade 4-6 and Grade 7-9 |  Grades 10-12 |
| 1st Place - $15 | 1st Place - $25 | 1st Place - $50 |
| 2nd Place - $10 | 2nd Place – $15 | 2nd Place - $30 |
| 3rd Place - $5 | 3rd Place - $10 | 3rd Place - $20 |

First Place winning posters in each category will be forwarded to the state level. Winners at the state level will receive a prize to be determined and posters will be forwarded to the national level for judging.

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