



# Clean Water Campaign / Water Use It Wisely 2009 ESSAY CONTEST



**District-wide Winner: \$100 Cash!**  
**County Winners: \$25 Cash!**

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**Deadline: September 25, 2009**

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Sixth, seventh and eighth graders in Bartow, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Fulton, Forsyth, Gwinnett, Hall, Henry, Paulding and Rockdale counties are invited to participate in the annual essay contest promoting better water quality and water conservation practices in the metro Atlanta area.

## **ESSAY TOPICS**

Students should write a 300 to 500-word essay (handwritten or typed) about how citizens can protect water quality in rivers and lakes and conserve water (at home, school or in the community). The essay must include why **both** water quality protection and water conservation are important. Students must also explain how they would begin making a difference in their communities.

Essays must answer one of the following questions:

1. What are the most important messages concerning water pollution and conservation? What would you want the public to do to prevent water pollution and promote conservation?
2. What kind of plan would you create to further the protection and conservation of our water resources at home?
3. What would you want elected officials to do about water quality and conservation? What concerns would you want to communicate to them?
4. What would our lives be like with very little water or very polluted water resources? What are the benefits of protecting the quality and quantity of our water supply?
5. What is the best way to encourage people to protect and save water?

## **GUIDELINES**

- Each school may only submit one essay per grade level to the contest - please select the best essay(s) to represent your school.
- Each essay must be submitted with attached entry form.
- All essays must be received no later than **September 25, 2009**. Submit essays via:

Email: [cnjoroge@atlantaregional.com](mailto:cnjoroge@atlantaregional.com)

or

Mail: Clean Water Campaign  
Attn: 2008 Essay Contest  
40 Courtland Street, NE  
Atlanta, GA 30303

Fax: 404.463.3254

## **AWARDS**

One county winner from each of the 15 counties will be selected to receive \$25 and a certificate. The District-wide winner will be selected from the county winners to receive the grand prize – an engraved plaque and \$100 cash! Winners will be notified by **October 2, 2009**.

## **JUDGING**

Essays will be judged on content, creativity and organization. Essays should include discussion of both water quality and conservation. Essays without complete name and contact information will be disqualified.

For more information concerning the essay contest, please contact Charlene Njoroge at 404-463-3259 or [cnjoroge@atlantaregional.com](mailto:cnjoroge@atlantaregional.com).



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ENTRY FORM**

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Please complete the form below and submit with your essay.

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Essay: \_\_\_\_\_

School's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School's  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return entry to:  
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