



RICHLAND COUNTY FARM-CITY COMMITTEE
2020 Hampton Street - Room 3063A
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TO: RICHLAND COUNTY SCHOOLS
FROM: FARM-CITY WEEK COMMITTEE
SUBJECT: **FARM-CITY WEEK ESSAY CONTEST**
DATE: SEPTEMBER 10, 2009

For the past four decades National Farm-City Week has provided a link between our nation's rural and urban people. Founded by Kiwanis International, the week was established to help achieve unity among all American workers - on and off the farm. With an ongoing theme, "Partners in Progress," National Farm-City Week has increased understandings between two vital parts of our nation.

The Richland County Farm-City Committee, other local agencies, and local businesses are cooperating in sponsoring Farm-City activities in Richland County during the month of November. As part of the national celebration, students from Richland County School Districts One & Two, Fort Jackson schools, and local private schools are invited to participate in an Essay contest.

This year the Richland County's Farm-City Week will focus on the interdependence between Farm and City and the impact that the bee industry has on the agricultural economy. About 130 food crops are pollinated by bees and, that accounts for every third bite that we eat. The world is a better place because of bees!

Grades invited to participate: 2nd - 8th Grades

Theme: *The Buzz About Bees*

Task: Write a composition which describes or explains how people on the farm and in the city depend on the bee industry.



BEE CREATIVE!

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WRITING PROCEDURES:

1. The composition may be incorporated in regular language arts, science, social studies and/or health class assignments.
2. **EACH CLASS** within the school may select **two** class winners.
3. Students should be encouraged to draft, edit, and recopy the composition.
4. Essays may be computer generated.

REQUIREMENTS: Grades 2-3 - one or two pages
Grades 4-5 - two or three pages
Grades 6-8 - three or four pages

JUDGING CRITERIA:

1. Appropriate Title
2. Handwriting or neatness
3. Mechanics
 - a. Capitalization
 - b. Punctuation
 - c. Spelling
4. Word Usage
 - a. Word meaning
 - b. Word usage
5. Sentence Formation
6. Composition
 - a. Is on the assigned topic
 - b. Has a beginning, a middle and an end
 - c. Has supporting details to develop ideas fully
7. Originality and Creativity

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(Class winning essays should be listed on the attached form.)

DEADLINE: Winning essays should be mailed or delivered to our office no later than:

4:30 p.m., Monday, **OCTOBER 19, 2009**

TO: Mary Jane Henderson
Richland Conservation District
2020 Hampton Street - Room 3036A
Columbia, SC 29204

Phone: 803-576-2083

AWARDS: Awards will be presented at Annual Farm-City Luncheon on:

Tuesday, November 17, 2009

First Place	- \$30 and Certificate of Merit
Second Place	- \$20 and Certificate of Merit
Third Place	- \$10 and Certificate of Merit

In each grade level

Winners will be notified by November 2, 2009

If you have any questions, please contact:

Mary Jane Henderson- Richland Conservation District @ 803-576-2083

Charlie Fisher – Richland Conservation District @ 803-576-2080

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**List Class Winners
And Return with Essays**

SCHOOL: _____ FAX NO.: _____

SCHOOL ADDRESS: _____

GRADE	CLASS WINNER	TEACHER (FIRST & LAST) *****
1.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____
7.	_____	_____
8.	_____	_____
9.	_____	_____
10.	_____	_____

*****Please give Teacher's first and last name and school address