2016 CARCD CONSERVATION EDUCATION SPEAK-OFF

TOPIC:
“Based on history, what is your conservation dream and how can Resource Conservation Districts be involved?”

RULES:

Contestant Qualifications:
- Must be a high school student, grades 9-12, at the time of state conference in November.
- Any prior state winner is not eligible as a contestant.
- Must have an interest in agriculture, resource conservation or the environment.
- Contestants MUST speak at the regional level to compete at the state level.

Application Requirements:
- Each contestant must fill out and submit an application form to their local Resource Conservation District office.
- The application must include: name, address, phone number, school, grade, age, club affiliations, and a brief statement about interest or involvement in agriculture, conservation or environmental practices. Please see attached application.

Speech Requirements:
- Speaking order will be determined by drawing numbers.
- The speech will be three to five minutes in length, including the salutation and title.
- The speaker shall NOT introduce themselves or state what school they represent. However, mentioning their county or area is allowed.
- Notes will be allowed at the district, regional, and state levels, but not at the state level.
- No props, costumes, or visual aids will be allowed at any level.
- The speech MUST include a link to Resource Conservation Districts.

Judging:
- There will be three judges and a timekeeper at the district, regional, and state speak-offs.
- It is the Regional Director’s responsibility to include the speak-off on a meeting agenda and to secure regional judges and a timekeeper.
- Judges and timekeepers shall NOT be related, in any way, to contestants.
- At the regional level, directors from districts with contestants CANNOT be judges or timekeepers.
- At the state level, directors from districts with contestants CANNOT be judges or timekeepers.
- At the regional level, any questions will be decided by the Regional President. At the state level, questions will be decided by the Speak-Off Committee or the Conservation Education Committee.

All regional winners will receive plaques at the state speak-off. The state speak-off winners will receive:
- 1st Place - $300
- 2nd Place - $200
- 3rd Place - $100


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