



Minidoka Soil and Water Conservation District

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Speech Contest for High School Students in Minidoka County

2024 Theme : **May The Forest Be With You Always**

Participants: 9th and 12th grade students in Minidoka County

Each contestant must fill out or submit an application form to their local Soil Conservation District Office. This will include name, address, phone number, school, grade, age, club affiliations and brief statement about interests or involvement in agriculture or conservation practices.

Applications must be received by October 17th to the above address. Please mail in applications

The Speech must include the theme "MAY THE FOREST BE WITH YOU ALWAYS"

The Speech shall be at least 3 minutes and not more than 5 minutes, including salutation and title. Contestants will NOT give their name at this time or during their speech. NO Props or visual aids will be allowed

Speech must be contestant's original text, researched and written by the contestants, Notes will be allowed at the District level ONLY.

There will be 3 judges and a timekeeper for each contest.

Judging priorities: (a) Conservation Message (b) visual effectiveness (c) universal appeal, (d) originality.

Speech contest is scheduled for the evening of October 22th 7:00 p.m. place to be determined.

Each Soil Conservation District will choose a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place from the area to go to their Division meeting to be held in Burley, for the next stage of judging. The next stage after Division is state. State will be held in Idaho Fall.

District prizes: 1st place receiving \$100.00, 2nd place \$50.00, and 3rd place will receive \$25.00 Pictures of the winners from each school could appear in the local newspaper and in the Tri-Districts newsletter (East and West Cassia and Minidoka)

Division meeting is the end of October – should there be a winner from Minidoka District from Division you will be invited to present at Division mtg. In Idaho Falls

Any Questions or concerns please contact the Minidoka Soil and Water Conservation District 208 436 4202 Sharon Hardy