

East & West Cassia Soil & Water Conservation Districts

CONSERVATION EDUCATION SPEAK-OFF

2024 Topic: "May The FOREST Be With You Always"

APPLICATION FORM

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

High School: _____ Grade: _____

Parents: _____

Club Affiliations:

Briefly state your interest in conservation or agriculture practices:

To reserve your spot – Call 208-572-3375.

Speech Contest Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024

Time: 6:30 pm

Place: McGregor Building – Minidoka Fair Grounds, Rupert, ID

2024 Conservation Education Speak-Off Rules

Theme: "May The FOREST Be With You Always"

Rules:

1. Contestants must be high school students, grades 9-12, in September, prior to IASCD Conference in November.
2. Any prior state winner is not eligible as a contestant.
3. Contestants must have an interest in agriculture, resource conservation or the environment.
4. Schools and/or classes shall send no more than 5 students each.
5. **Each contestant must fill out and submit an application form.** This will include name, address, phone number, school, grade, age, club affiliations and a brief statement about interests or involvement in agriculture or conservation practices. Contact Doreen McMurray at 208-312-5556 or 208-572-3375, or email dmc Murray6@gmail.com for application. Applications can also be found on our web page www.minicassiaswcd.com under the Educational Programs tab.
6. **The speech shall be at least three minutes and not more than five minutes, including the salutation and title. Contestants will not give their name at any time during their speech. No props or visual aids will be allowed.**
7. **Speech must be contestant's original text, researched and written by the contestant. Notes will be allowed at the district level only.**
8. There shall be three judges and a timekeeper. Money prizes will be awarded to the top 3 contestants from each district. (East Cassia and West Cassia Districts will each award: 1st place \$100, 2nd place \$75, 3rd place \$25)
9. The top winner from each district will be invited to compete for prizes at the Division IV Speech Contest on October 30, 2024 in Cassia County.

TIPS for Preparing Your Speech:

- * Highlight the benefits of soil and water conservation.
- * Address how conservation has improved the lives of people.
- * Dress in a professional manner.
- * Use the theme.
- * Include information in your speech that is important to you.