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**2021 Annual**

**St. Johns Soil & Water Conservation District**

**Public Speaking Contest**

**Where: St. Johns County Wind Mitigation Building**

 **3111 Agricultural Center Drive**

 **St. Augustine, Florida 32092**

**When: Tuesday, June 22, 2021**

 **Time: 9:00 a.m.**

**TOPIC:**

**Healthy Forests/Healthy Communities**



 **Rules:**

* The Public Speaking Contest is open to any student in St. Johns County attending school (public, private, virtual, and/or home-school) in grades 6th through 12th. Contestants can speak on any subject within the topic.
* Contestants must register by emailing a completed registration form and copy of their speech, doubled spaced, by Tuesday, June 8, 2021 to gina.allen@fl.nacdnet.net
* Each speech should be identified with one cover page that includes the student’s name, address, telephone number, grade, school, and teacher’s name.
* Contestants may use notes while speaking, visual aids may not be used.
* Time limit is 5-7 minutes. Penalties will be given for less than 5 minutes or more than 7 minutes.
* Three judges and one timekeeper will be selected. Judges’ decisions will be final. Judges will evaluate both written speech and oral presentation based on the following criteria.
* **JUDGING CRITERIA:**
* **Content:**

Relevance to the given topic 10 points
Treatment (material used and accuracy of statements) 20 points
Originality (subject matter and treatment) 20 points

* **Composition:**

Organization, cohesiveness, grammar, and style 10 points

* **Delivery:**

Voice (enunciation, modulation) 10 points
Personal Appearance (neatness, posture) 10 points
Communicative Expertise (sincerity ability to convey idea) 10 points
Stage Presence (gestures, visual contact) 10 points

 **The following prizes will be awarded to each winning contestant:**

**First Place - $100.00**

**Second Place - $50.00**

**Third Place - $25.00**

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING SPEECHES IS TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 2021. PLEASE EMAIL TO** **GINA.ALLEN@FL.NACDNET.NET**