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2007-2008 HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE ESSAY CONTEST

TOPIC: Describe the kinds of data you would collect if you were studying the insect life in a square foot of your own backyard or a nearby park. Explain why each kind of data would be important.

ENTRY GUIDELINES

- * The SACP High School Essay Contest is open to all students in grades **10 through 12** in counties listed below.
- * Supply all information requested on the front of this form.
- * The maximum number of words in the essay is limited to **325**. The essay is to be in prose (no poetry, please), and be the independent work of the student. Any essay containing plagiarized material will result in rejection of the essay. Photocopies of this form may be used. Enter the number of words, exclusive of the title, in the lower left hand corner on the back of the form. The essay must be typed on the back side of this form. Or, you can tape or staple it to the back of the form. The essay page should in no way reveal the name of the writer or his/her school.
- * Student essays **must** be signed and submitted by a faculty member of the student's school.
- * **No individual school may submit more than two essays in the high school contest.**
- * Failure to comply with these instructions may result in a scoring penalty or rejection of the essay.

ELIGIBLE PA COUNTIES

Adams, Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Bedford, Blair, Butler, Cambria, Cameron, Centre, Clarion, Clearfield, Clinton, Crawford, Cumberland, Elk, Erie, Fayette, Forest, Franklin, Fulton, Greene, Huntingdon, Indiana, Jefferson, Juniata, McKean, Lawrence, Mercer, Mufflin, Perry, Snyder, Union, Somerset, Venango, Warren, Washington, Westmoreland, York

ELIGIBLE OH COUNTIES

Belmont, Columbiana, Harrison, Jefferson, Mahoning, Monroe

ELIGIBLE WV COUNTIES

Barbour, Braxton, Brooke, Calhoun, Doddridge, Gilmer, Hancock, Harrison, Lewis, Marion, Marshall, Monongalia, Ohio, Pleasants, Preston, Randolph, Ritchie, Tucker, Tyler, Upshur, Webster, Wetzel, Wirt, Wood

CONTEST DEADLINE

Entries must be postmarked by Friday, December 14, 2007.

Winners will be notified by the end of January.

Mail entries to: Maria Ferguson, SACP H.S. Essay Contest
300 Penn Center Blvd, Suite 332,
Pittsburgh, PA 15235-5503

JUDGING GUIDELINES

Judging will be based on the following criteria:

1. Content (40%) 3. Composition (30%)
2. Creativity (20%) 4. Following Directions (10%)

Questions – Please email ferguson@pittcon.org

AWARDS

The following savings bonds will be awarded:

1st Place	\$1,000	3rd Place	\$400
2nd Place	\$600	Honorable Mentions (10 each)	\$200

Students (Grades 10 - 12) and their faculty sponsors are to supply the information requested below and follow the directions on the top part of this page. The essay is to be the work of the student and must be neatly typed (or attached) on the back side of this 8.5X11 inch page. (Typing may be done by someone else.)

Student Name (Please Type) _____ Grade _____

School Name _____ School District _____

School Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Home Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Telephone No. (School) ____ (____) _____ (Home) ____ (____) _____

Faculty Sponsor (Please Type) _____ County _____

Signatures _____

STUDENT

FACULTY SPONSOR (Required)

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ATTENTION STUDENTS

Do you like to write?

Do you know something about science?

You could win up to \$1000 in savings bonds by participating in an essay contest.

Twenty-six students will win \$\$\$\$.

Will you be one of them?

See your teacher for more details.

Deadline extended to December 14!