



# 2010 Essay Contest

Sponsored by the Spartanburg Soil and Water Conservation District

Topic: "We All Live Downstream"

**Key Words:**

Stormwater

Run-off

Point source pollution

Non-point source pollution

Watershed

Sediment

Groundwater

Riparian buffer zone

**Divisions:**

1. Grades 9-12

2. Grades 6-8

**Deadline:** Friday, March 26, 2010

**Prizes:** 1<sup>st</sup> place in each division—\$25

(Teachers of first place winners will receive a \$25 gift card)

Honorable Mentions (2 per division)—certificate & magazine subscription

**Rules:**

1. Essays should be between 300 and 500 words, must be typed on plain, white, 8 1/2 x 11 paper, and be titled the topic, "We All Live Downstream."
2. The writer must reside in Spartanburg County.
3. Each essay needs to contain the following information:
  - A. Writer's name, parents' names, address, & phone number
  - B. Writer's grade level & school and teacher's name
4. Essays will be judged on the following criteria: composition, originality, and effectiveness of conveying topic.
5. Essays become the property of the Spartanburg Soil and Water Conservation District, which reserves the right to use all essays or portions thereof in their publications, on their website, and for conservation promotion purposes (with credit line given). Participants should keep a copy of their essay.
6. Entries must be received by close of business day on **Friday, March 26, 2010** at the Spartanburg Soil and Water Conservation District office at 105 Corporate Dr. Suite G Spartanburg, SC 29303.
7. Winners will be recognized at the Soil and Water Conservation District Annual Banquet, date and location to be announced.

*Please contact the Spartanburg Soil and Water Conservation District at 864-814-2471 x3 if you have any questions or visit our website at [www.spartanburgswcd.org](http://www.spartanburgswcd.org). You may also email us at [spartanburgswcd@yahoo.com](mailto:spartanburgswcd@yahoo.com).*