WHAT'S INSIDE?

YOU ARE INVITED! **WELCOME**

INVASIVES ARE EVERYWHERE!!

CONTEST INFORMATION **POSTER DIVISION RULES, HINTS, PRIZES**

RESOURCES LINKS & LOCAL CONTACTS

DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

ENTRY FORM

HELP **STOP THE SPREAD OF** ALL **INVASIVE SPECIES**





2017 **NORTHWOODS' INVASIVE SPECIES POSTER** CONTEST























You Are Invited!

WELCOME:

Welcome Administrators, Teachers, Parents and Students!

The Oneida County Land & Water Conservation Department (OCLWCD) and the Lumberjack Resource Conservation & Development Council (RC&D) invite you to participate in the 6th Annual Northwoods' Invasive Species Poster Contest. Area students in 4th through 8th grades are eligible to enter. The primary goal of this contest is to educate students about aquatic AND terrestrial invasive species that affect our Northwoods' Counties.

"WHY WOULD YOU WANT YOUR STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS CONTEST?" Molly, the Mystery snail, asks:



THIS IS WHY!

<u>IT'S A FACT</u>: Lake Superior is home to 97 non-native aquatic species!*

<u>IT'S A FACT</u>: Since 2008, the Emerald ash borer, a terrestrial invasive insect, has been discovered in 42 of 72 Counties (58%) in Wisconsin. **EAB kills all untreated ash trees within 3-5 years.**

<u>IT'S A FACT</u>: Immature Zebra mussels **cannot** be seen by the naked eye and adult Zebra mussels can filter

one quart of water each day robbing native species of vital nutrients.

IT'S A FACT: Japanese knotweed can grow horizontal root shoots, known as rhizomes, up to 60

feet long. This is why Japanese knotweed is one of the most difficult terrestrial invasive

species to eradicate!

IT'S A FACT: White nose syndrome is an invasive fungus from Europe that can kill more than a

million bats each year.

IT'S A FACT: Chinese, Japanese and Banded Mystery snails are intermediate hosts for parasitic worms and

can transmit trematodes that kill waterfowl.

We hope that students participating in this contest will gain a better understanding of how aquatic and terrestrial invasive species can affect our environment. More importantly, that <u>each of us</u> can help stop the spread of invasive species and protect our lakes, forests and fields! We hope you will join us in the fight against invasive species. Good luck and we hope you and your students have fun!

Invasives are Everywhere!!

Our contest covers both aquatic **and** terrestrial invasives. Kids can create great posters highlighting critters like Emerald ash borer and Gypsy moth, and plants such as Japanese knotweed, Garlic mustard, Yellow iris and Glossy buckthorn. There is even an invasive called Rock snot! White nose syndrome, an invasive fungus, can kill a million bats in one year. Wild parsnip, a terrestrial invasive, can cause severe rashes and blisters if the sap touches your skin in the presence of sunlight.

We hope your students have fun creating posters using terrestrial and aquatic invasives while helping to educate others on the importance of stopping invasive species! Photos below show a small sample of subjects from which your students can choose. There are many, many more.



Emerald ash borer



White nose syndrome



Eurasian water milfoil



Yellow iris



Japanese knotweed



Glossy buckthorn



Rock snot



Rusty crayfish



Gypsy moth



Wild parsnip



Giant hogweed



Chinese mystery snail

Contest Information

Eligibility:

The **2017** contest is open to students in public, private, and home schools within the 'Northwoods' and 'Northland' regions of Wisconsin. Invasive species do not recognize county lines and neither should this contest!

Poster Divisions:

There are four poster divisions: (1) **Grade 4**, (2) **Grade 5**, (3) **Grade 6**, and (4) **Grades 7 & 8**.

Deadline: Entries Must be received by Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

Poster entries (with attached entry forms) may be dropped off at specific locations (page 8), or mailed to: Oneida County LWCD, Attention: Invasive Species Poster Contest, Courthouse, 1 South Oneida Avenue, P O Box 400, Rhinelander WI 54501. (Please do not fold poster entries.)

Judging:

A panel of judges from the public sector, with backgrounds in the arts and sciences, will determine the winners. Judging will take place during the week of May 8-12, 2017. Judge's decisions are final. Winners will be notified by Friday, May 12. Winning posters become the property of OCLWCD and RC&D. All poster entries will be on display at the Oneida County Courthouse, 2nd floor, and will remain on the walls throughout the month of June in honor of Invasive Species Month.

2016 Poster Contest "Wall of Fame"

In 2016, we broke all previous poster contest records by receiving 467 student posters!





Plan now to take a walk to see the 2017 Poster Contest "Wall of Fame".

Poster Division

Rules:

- All artwork must be the **original work** of the individual student.
- Attach an *Official Entry Form* (page 9) firmly on the back of artwork.
- ◆ Due to space, copier and scanning limitations, <u>poster size MUST be 11 x 17</u> inches or smaller. PLEASE MEASURE IF YOU ARE NOT SURE. Construction paper is permitted but must be trimmed to 11 x 17 inches.
- Posters can be on any color paper, but paper must be un-lined.
- Photos <u>cannot</u> be used on posters.
- Any coloring materials may be used (i.e. crayons, watercolors, chalk, markers, etc.).
- No stamps or stickers may be used.
- Be creative and "think outside the box".

Helpful Hints for Students:



Judging Criteria

\checkmark	Message is effective	40%
\checkmark	Student shows understanding of topic	20%
\checkmark	Universal appeal	20%
\checkmark	Follows contest rules	10%
\checkmark	Originality/Creativity	10%

Copyrights

<u>Be aware of copyrights.</u> Copyrights are a protection by U.S. law for creators of original work. If you see this symbol (©) on any piece of work, you **cannot** use it on your poster. Use <u>YOUR OWN</u> ideas and/or drawings.

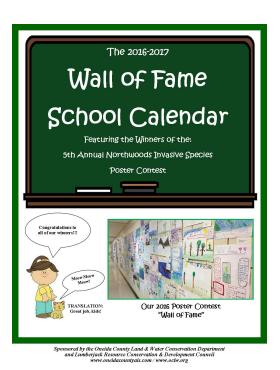
Remember

- Use the *Official Entry Form* (page 9). Fill it out completely and have your parent, guardian, or teacher sign and <u>attach it to the back of your poster</u>.
- Choose a brief, catchy message for your poster.
- Use colors to capture and hold attention.
- Don't use photos, stickers, or stamps on your poster.
- Don't try to include too many ideas or activities in your artwork. Simple is often better.
- ♦ HAVE FUN!

Prizes:

- Winners in each Division (Grades) will be awarded 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place trophies.
- Honorable Mention and Best Slogan Ribbons will be awarded as deemed appropriate by the judges.
- ◆ Each 1st place winner's class wins too! During the weeks of May 15-19 and May 22-26, an Invasive Species Team will bring an award ceremony (which includes treats!) to the class of the 1st place winner (subject to teacher approval and coordination). Also, each 1st place winner's school will receive a donated lake ecology book for its library. Get your friends to enter and you could all be winners!
- Poster winners are featured in a calendar distributed to schools and public libraries.
- In addition, a specially designed flag will be presented to each winning class.

Our School Calendar Featuring All 2016 Winners



2016 Poster Contest
First Place Winners
(For Inspiration only. Artwork is copyrighted.)
© Copyright

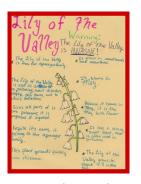


Ninde Soulier—AVW Division 4





Summer Kiggins—Drummond Division 7/8



Cassie Bordner - Hurley Division 6





















Resources

Molly says:



"Check out the links and local contacts below for any questions you may have or for information that may be helpful."

LINKS:

EEK!: http://dnr.wi.gov/eek/

Great Lakes Phragmites Collaborative: http://greatlakesphragmites.net/
Great Lakes Early Detection Network: http://www.gledn.org/
Invasive Plants Association of Wisconsin: http://www.ipaw.org/

Oneida County AIS: www.oneidacountyais.com
UW-Extension Lakes: www.uwsp.edu/cnr/uwexlakes/
Wisconsin DNR: http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/invasives/

Lumberjack RC & D: www.lumberjackrcd.org/

Northwoods Coop Weed Management Area: http://s389215224.initial-website.com/

Oneida County Land and Water Conservation: http://www.oclw.org/
Timberland Invasive Partnership: http://www.timberlandinvasives.org/

LOCAL CONTACTS:

BAYFIELD COUNTY

Andy Teal, AIS Coordinator (715) 373-6167

IRON COUNTY

Zach Wilson, Conservation Specialist Land & Water Department (715) 561-2234

LANGLADE, LINCOLN & FOREST COUNTIES

John Preuss, Tri-County AIS Coordinator (715) 369-9886

ONEIDA COUNTY

Michele Sadauskas, County Conservationist (715) 369-7835

PRICE COUNTY

Nicole Hays, Land Conservation Technician Land Conservation

Department (715) 339-2550

VILAS COUNTY

Cathy Higley, Invasive Species Coordinator (715) 479-3738

TIMBERLAND INVASIVE PARTNERSHIP (TIP)

Christopher Arrowood,
Coordinator

Covering Oconto, Shawano, Langlade and Menominee Counties (715) 799-5710 Ext. 3

NORTHWOODS COOP WEED MANAGEMENT AREA

Adam Haecker, Coordinator

Covering Iron, Ashland, Douglas, and Bayfield Counties Bayfield County LWC (715) 373-6167

WISCONSIN HEADWATERS INVASIVE PARTNERSHIP (WHIP)

Rosie Page, Coordinator

Covering Oneida and Vilas Counties (715) 282-7269



Drop-off Locations

Bayfield County Land & Water Conservation Department

615 Second Avenue East Washburn WI 54891

Crandon Public Library

110 West Polk Street Crandon, WI 54520 (715) 478-3784

Demmer Memorial Library

6961 West School Street Three Lakes, WI 54562 (715) 546-3391

Iron County Land & Water Department

607 3rd Avenue Hurley, WI 54534 (715) 561-2234

<u>Langlade County Land</u> Conservation Department

837 Clermont Street Antigo, WI 54409 (715) 627-6292

Minocqua Public Library

415 Menominee Street Minocqua, WI 54548 (715) 356-4437

Oneida County Land & Water Conservation Department

Courthouse - 2nd Floor 1 South Oneida Avenue Rhinelander, WI 54501 (715) 369-7835

Park Falls Public Library

121 North Fourth Avenue Park Falls, WI 54552 (715) 762-3121

Rhinelander District Library

106 North Stevens Street Rhinelander, WI 54501 (715) 365-1070

Menominee County Land Conservation and Zoning Department

Timberland Invasive Partnership (TIP) W3270 Courthouse Lane Keshena, WI 54135 (715) 799-5710 Ext. 3

Tomahawk Public Library

300 West Lincoln Avenue Tomahawk, WI 54487 (715) 453-2455

Vaughn Public Library

502 W Main Street Ashland WI 54806 (715) 682-7060

Walter E. Olson Memorial Library

Temporary Location – Ministry Annex 150 E. Hospital Road Eagle River, WI 54521 (715) 479-8070

Washburn Public Library

307 Washington Avenue Washburn WI 54891 (715) 373-6172

Molly says:



"If drop-off locations are not convenient, contact Michele Sadauskas at 715-369-7835, or e-mail: msadauskas@co.oneida.wi.us"

* * * * Official Entry Form * *

2017 Northwoods' Invasive Species Poster Contest

FILL OUT COMPLETELY. PRINT CLEARLY. ATTACH FIRMLY TO THE BACK OF YOUR ARTWORK.

Entry Deadline: Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

Poster entries (with attached entry forms) may be dropped off at specific locations (page 8), or mailed to: Oneida County LWCD, Attention: Invasive Species Poster Contest, Courthouse, 1 South Oneida Avenue, P O Box 400, Rhinelander WI 54501.

(Please do not fold poster entries)

Poster size MUST be 11 x 17 inches or smaller.

Artist's Name:			
Artist's Age:			
Artist's Home Phone #:			
Division: <i>(Choose your current grade level)</i> \Box 4 th			
Teacher's Name:			
School Name:			
School Phone #:			
School Address:			
Teacher E-mail:			
I have read and agree to the rules of the the judges are final. I assign all rights and ow used, published, displayed, or donated. Wind RC&D. I certify that this poster is my original Required Signatures:	nership of my poster to ning entries become the	the organizers a property of OCL	nd agree that it may be WCD and Lumberjack
ARTIST:		Date :	
PARENT, GUARDIAN:		Date:	
OR			
TEACHER:		Date:	
	UESTIONS? Contact:		
Oneida Co	ounty LWCD at 715-369	-7835	

or e-mail: msadauskas@co.oneida.wi.us

September, 2016