

# Conservation Districts of Iowa

Informing, educating and leading Iowans through our local soil and water conservation districts to conserve our natural resources

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## Annual Conference information online @ [www.cdiowa.org](http://www.cdiowa.org)

335 total attendees, 156 Commissioners/Assistant Commissioners represented 78 Districts at the 2016 Iowa Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioners 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference!

Conference Highlights | Program | Presentations available online!

## Save the Date!

**2017 Iowa Conservation Partnership Day**  
Tuesday, January 17  
Capitol, Des Moines

## 2017 Envirothon, Conservation Scholarship and Poster Contest information online and on Facebook!

Participate in and promote these programs to engage youth in soil and water conservation!

- ❖ Envirothon team registrations due to CDI by **February 10, 2017**
- ❖ Scholarships due to SWCD office by **February 17, 2017**
- ❖ Posters due to the SWCD office by **March 24, 2017**



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# Iowa Watershed Academy

October 20 – 21

FFA Enrichment Center

Ankeny, Iowa



The Iowa Watershed Academy will feature topics in the areas of phosphorus management, nutrient reduction strategy measurement, project management, communication and engagement strategies, and hands-on tours and demonstrations.

The first day of the training is limited to current or newly hired Iowa Watershed Project Coordinators and the second day is a joint meeting held in conjunction with the Iowa Chapter Soil and Water Conservation Society.

In addition to a great lineup of speakers, tours and networking opportunities, the Iowa Chapter Soil and Water Conservation Society will provide a free one-year membership to all new non-members and a free SWCS lunch cooler!

This event is sponsored by the Iowa Natural Resources Conservation Service, Soil and Water Conservation Society, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, Conservation Districts of Iowa and Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship.

## Ways to Promote the Youth Programs in your District!



### **Iowa Envirothon**

- Send information to FFA Advisors and Science/Environmental Instructors in your local school districts
- Send information to County Naturalists and Conservation Boards
- Recruit a Teacher, District Employee or County Naturalist to become a coach
- Sponsor a team
- Sponsor a training/field day
- Donate to the Iowa Envirothon
- Find a local organization to donate to the Iowa Envirothon

### **Conservation Scholarship Program**

- Send information to Counselors, FFA Advisors and Science/Environmental Instructors in your local school districts
  - Send reminders as due date becomes closer
- Local scholarship winner money incentive
- Promote through social media
- Promote through local newspaper
- Display promotional sign at front desk

### **Conservation Poster Contest**

- Send information to Art Instructors, FFA Advisors and Science/Environmental Instructors in your local school districts
- Send information to your local 4H group and local libraries
  - Send reminders as due date becomes closer
- Do a presentation on the conservation theme and contest rules to classrooms, 4H group or local libraries
- Provide presentation on conservation theme to teachers
- Provide the materials for the posters
- Local poster contest winner incentives (money, plane ride, ice cream certificate, etc.)
- Promote through social media
- Promote through local newspaper
- Display promotional sign at front desk