

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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2018 Conservation Poster Contest, Scholarship and Iowa Envirothon information online!

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

- ❖ Posters due to the SWCD office by **March 23, 2018**
- ❖ Scholarships due to SWCD office by **February 16, 2018**
- ❖ Envirothon team registrations due to CDI by **February 2, 2018**



DATES OF IMPORTANCE

October 1 – December 31, 2017

October 13: Des Moines Lobe Period 9, Farm Bill 13B Period 8, and Farm Bill 14 Period 4 Reports Due

October 16: Boss's Day

October 24 & 25: Iowa Watershed Academy

December 8: Quarterly Pictorial Directory Updates Due

Next CDI Bulletin – January, 2018

CDI Welcomes New Executive Director, Linda King



Linda is a native of Des Moines and was previously employed at the Iowa Department of Natural Resources as the Volunteer Coordinator and AmeriCorps Program Director for the agency. She has experience writing and administrating state and federal grants as well as managing state-wide programs, contracts and grants. Linda has worked in the environmental arena for 25 years at the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Iowa Office of Energy Independence and as a contractor for the US Department of Energy's Chicago Regional office.

Linda received her Associate in Arts degree from Cottey College and a Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology with an emphasis in Environmental Studies from Iowa State University.

She loves to garden and travel with family and friends. Fishing is another favorite pastime as well as being a novice pheasant hunter and trapper. Linda is also a 29-year member of P.E.O., an international philanthropic education organization supporting women's educational opportunities.

Linda is excited for this new opportunity to work with the CDI board and members to further our mission in Iowa protecting our soil and water through conservation and grant initiatives.

Ways to Promote the Youth Programs in your District!



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

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

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