2015-16
Sustainable PhotoVoice
Picture That Green!

MADISON COUNTY GREEN SCHOOLS PROGRAM

"*To me, sustainability in Madison County is repurposing old wood that could otherwise hurt animals or other people. This is an old barn that is being torn down and we donate the usable wood for projects around the community. This is just one way we can reduce, REUSE, and recycle to help out our earth.*"

– 2015 First Place Winner, Megan Dustmann,
St. Peter's Lutheran School

All Madison County students in 6th-12th grade are invited to participate in the *Sustainable PhotoVoice; Picture that Green!* Competition. Photovoice is a way for students to use a photo image to capture aspects of their environment and experiences and share them with others. Using this method, students can make their voice heard through photography as they document the community's needs and resources from their own personal experience. Photos will then be used in the Madison County Green Schools Program marketing materials, publications and on the website.

In the Madison County Sustainable PhotoVoice; Picture that Green! Competition, students should photograph a scene that represents their community or expresses their point of view relevant to their thoughts on sustainability that answers the **prompt**: ***"To me, sustainability in Madison County is…."***

Details

Categories include:
6th-8th; individual
9th-12th; individual

General PhotoVoice Submission Information:

1) Students must be currently enrolled in 6th-12th grade at a public, private or parochial school in Madison County, IL.
2) All photographs must be taken within Madison County.
3) The photo must answer the following prompt: "To me, sustainability in Madison County is…."
4) Limit 3 entries per photographer. Each entry must be submitted separately.
5) All entries must have A) a title and B) a 1-3 sentence description that states what the photographer is depicting in their photo C) Student name, grade level, school, and contact information.
6) NOTE: See the "Contest Rules" for a comprehensive list of requirements for entries, including digital requirements.

County Level Prizes

- 1st Place = $400
- 2nd Place = $200
- 3rd Place = $100

There will be no school-level PhotoVoice competitions; all entries will be directly entered into the County-level competition.

2015-16 Timeline:
October 16, 2015: Participation Forms due
March, 16, 2016: Photo submissions due
April 11-15, 2016: Public Voting & Formal Judging
April 20, 2016: Winners announced
May 10, 2016: Awards presented (at Earth Flag Celebration)

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PhotoVoice Competition Rules or 2015-16 SY

1) School Coordinators register for the contest by October 16, 2015 using the registration form.
    a. Grades 6-8 and 9-12; Individuals
2) There will be no school-level PhotoVoice competitions; all entries will be directly entered into the County-level competition.
3) Students must be currently enrolled in 6th-12th grade at a public/private/parochial school in Madison County, IL.
4) Entries must be photographed by, and be owned by, the person entering the contest.
5) The photo must answer the following prompt: "To me, sustainability in Madison County is…."
6) All photographs must be taken within Madison County.
7) Limit 3 entries per photographer. Each entry must be submitted separately.
8) All entries must have a title.
9) Each entry must have a 1-3 sentence description stating what the photographer is depicting in their photo.
10) Each entry must list the name of the student, their grade, their school, and provide the student's contact information.
11) **Entries must be received no later than 5 PM, Wednesday, March 16, 2016.**
    Photographs are to be sent to kspetzing@co.madison.il.us
12) Digital Entry Requirements
    a. File Size – Each image must be between 1-5MB in size
    b. Resolution – Each image should be at least 2816 pixels in its longest dimension
    c. Digital Enhancement – Minor digital enhancements for cropping, red-eye removal, filters and corrective functions are permitted, but images that have been judged to be altered in any significant manner will be disqualified. Participants are not permitted to place borders, frames or backgrounds around their images or to place watermarks, dates, signature or copyright images onto photos.
    d. File Format – Each image must be entered in JPG format
    e. File Naming – Each image title must be included in the file name (please limit the title to the first 20 letters of the title) File names should not include punctuation. Image name must include the extension of .JPG
13) Entrants grant permission to Madison County Government to reproduce images for exhibitions, Madison County Government publications and promotional purposes. All reproductions will become the property of Madison County Government. All photographs utilized in Madison County Government productions will be properly credited to the appropriate person.
14) Photos will be judged on technical merit and composition.
    a. For technical merit, judges may check to see if the photo is well-framed, properly exposed and sharp and clear.
    b. For composition, judges determine if the photo features a recognizable center of interest, action and imagination and creativity.
15) The decision of the judges is final on all matters relating to the competition.
16) Submission of the image(s) implies entrant's acceptance of all of the above conditions.
17) Questions? Call the Madison County Green Schools Coordinator, Kim Petzing, at 618-296-4319 or email kspetzing@co.madison.il.us.

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