



KSU Big Creek Middle Smoky Hill River Watersheds

**City of Hays & KSU Big Creek Middle Smoky Hill River Watersheds
Water Conservation & Water Quality Poster Contest**

Poster contest is open to City of Hays Students, Pre-Kindergarten through 12th, Fort Hays State University Students, & NCK Tech Students, & Community Adults

2020 Poster Contest Themes & Awards by Grade

Grade	Poster Theme	Awards
Pre-K-5 th Grade	‘Healthy Soils = Healthy Water’	Individual Grade Prizes 1 st -3 rd Places \$50, \$30, \$20 1 st Place Grade Class Party
6 th -8 th		Individual Grade Prizes 1 st -3 rd Places \$50, \$30, \$20 Individual Overall Winners \$125, \$100, \$75
9 th -12 th		Individual Overall Winners 1 st -3 rd Places \$250, \$150, \$100
FHSU Students NCK Tech Students		Individual Overall Winners 1 st -3 rd Places \$250, \$150, \$100
Community Adults <i>(no professional artists)</i>		Individual Overall Winners 1 st -3 rd Places \$250, \$150, \$100

The 2020 Poster Theme is **‘Healthy Soils = Healthy Water’**

- Posters should focus on the benefits of healthy soil practices which lead to healthy water. For example, it’s important to have vegetation on land surfaces to prevent soil erosion and run-off issues. Healthy soils also create better living environments for plants (trees, shrubs, flowers, vegetables, crops, etc.).
- Posters can and should include ideas on water conservation and/or water quality as it relates to healthy soils. If we have native vegetation in our home landscape, we reduce the need for water usage and fertilizer usage, therefore, creating a healthy environment and cleaner water sources.
- Posters should focus on **‘Healthy Soils = Healthy Water’** in the Hays community and could include tips for the home, business, yard, garden, landscape, etc. Posters can also focus on pollutants in our water that are undesirable and create the potential for unsafe drinking water supplies.

Those pollutants could include: sediment (soil); nitrogen; phosphorus; *E.coli* bacteria; household chemicals; vehicle fluids; etc.

- If you are interested, we will present **‘Healthy Soils = Healthy Water’** to your class/school to help students understand the topics. Please contact me at 785-769-3297 or by email sedgett@ksu.edu to set-up a time.

Poster shall be on suitable poster paper, 12 x 18 inches and arranged for **HORIZONTAL DISPLAY ONLY**. **The theme must be used as the title of the poster.** Poster shall not be mounted on other background material. Poster may be computer generated, in pencil, pastels, charcoal, pen, ink, paint, watercolor, crayon, cut paper, 3-dimensional, etc. *Poster paper and limited art supplies have been left in each school office including paper, markers, and colored pencils.*

Student name, age, grade, and teacher/professor and school will need to be written in pencil on the back of the poster in the lower left hand corner. **Only one individual’s name per poster will be accepted.** Forms have been attached to print and have the students fill-out to place on the back of the poster. Posters can be submitted directly without going through a classroom teacher as well.

Deadlines & Dates to Remember:

- Posters due by Thursday, March 12, 2020
- Turned into school offices, City Hall, or at Public Works Department
- Winners announced by Wednesday, March 25, 2020
- Awards Ceremony at Sternberg Museum on March 31, 2020 at 6 pm

Posters will be judged as follows:

Water Theme Message -----	50%
Visual Effectiveness -----	30%
Originality -----	10%
Universal Appeal -----	10%

For questions or more information, please contact Stacie Minson, KSU Watershed Specialist at 785-769-3297 (call or text) or sedgett@ksu.edu

**Previous Water Poster
Winners printed on
Placemats and distributed
in local businesses
& Featured in the “Be
Smart...Do Your Part”
2020 Water Calendar**

