



Anderson County SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

2024 Photo Contest



Theme:

This theme underscores the critical interplay between soil and water conservation and the resilience of our forests. Forests play multifaceted roles in sustaining our planet, serving as sources of oxygen, carbon storage, and vibrant hubs of biodiversity. They function as steadfast protectors of soil and water resources, preventing erosion, purifying contaminants, and nurturing healthy watersheds. In today's context, marked by environmental challenges, resilient forests are indispensable in fostering a sustainable world. The phrase “[May the Forest Be with You, Always](#)” signifies our commitment to responsible forest stewardship, emphasizing their enduring strength and adaptability.

Rules:

- Open to any 9th – 12th grade student in Anderson County.
- Photos must be the original work of the individual student.
- Photos should be taken in Anderson County and the photographer must reside in Anderson County.
- Each photo must contain the following information on a label on the back of the photo:
 - **Photographer's name, address, and phone number**
 - **Photographers school name and grade level**
 - **Name of each person(s) in photo, if any**
 - **Address where the photo was taken**
- **Color photos in 5" x 7" only** must be submitted. All photos submitted must be in hard copy and .jpg file form on CD, flash drive, google drive shared document or via email. Image files must have the first and last name of the person submitting it. *Framed or matted photos will not be accepted.*
- Each participant may enter only one photo.
- Photos will be judged on the following criteria: effectiveness of conveying theme, composition, and originality.
- Photo becomes the property of Anderson Soil & Water Conservation District; they reserve the right to use all photos in their publications and for conservation promotion purposes (with credit line given). Participants should keep extra prints of their photos.
- Any missing information not provided as listed above will be disqualified.

Award:	1 st Place:	\$75
	2 nd Place:	\$50
	3 rd Place:	\$25

Deadline: Entries must be received by **March 22nd, 2024** at the Anderson Soil & Water Conservation District Office.