



2018 Waccamaw Conference Nature, Health & Life

Student Poster Contest Guidelines

About the Conference

The Waccamaw Conference is an annual educational conference for the public focused on the importance of our natural water resources and efforts to protect them. The 2018 conference is co-hosted by the Waccamaw RIVERKEEPER® Program of Winyah Rivers Foundation, North Inlet - Winyah Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, Coastal Waccamaw Stormwater Education Consortium, and Horry County Museum.

This FREE conference will take place on Saturday, February 10th 2018 from 1:00 – 4:00pm at the Horry County Museum located at 805 Main Street Conway, SC 29526.

Conference Theme

This year's theme is "Nature, Health & Life" highlighting the importance of healthy ecosystems for supporting healthy animals, people and communities. The conference will feature presentations, exhibits, and a student poster contest throughout the museum.

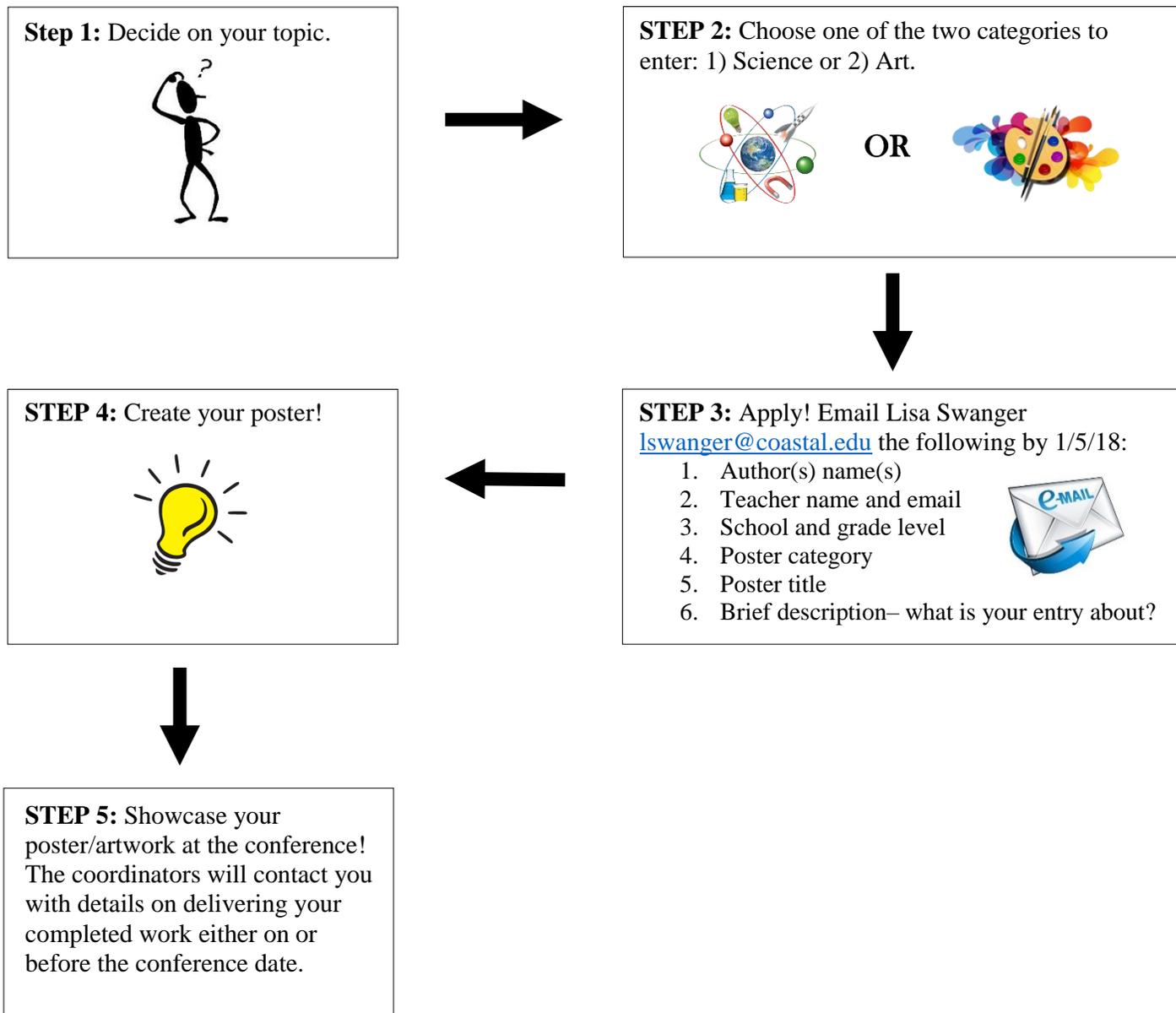
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Students (K - 12th grade and post-secondary) are invited to enter a poster and/or artwork into this fun and educational community event that highlights their individual or group (e.g., club or class) project. Applicants may enter something that has already been completed or something brand new for the conference. Creativity is always welcome! This year's contest has two broad categories to enter into: 1) SCIENCE and 2) ART. Example topics may include a class science project/report (e.g., local species, habitat protection), a club activity (e.g., community clean-up effort, water monitoring), or artwork (e.g., painting of local species or habitats, poem about the environment).

Posters/artwork will be displayed during the conference. While authors are not required to attend the conference, all are invited! Special time will be dedicated to the displayed posters to offer attendees an opportunity to meet the poster presenters and ask questions. Posters will be divided up into the following grade levels: Elementary (K – 5th grade); Middle (6th – 8th grade); High (9th – 12th grade); and Post-secondary (university, college, academy, institute). Winners and awards will be announced during the conference!

Requirements for all entries: 1) Topic must relate to the conference theme; 2) Poster/artwork size must not exceed 4 ft. x 4 ft.; and 3) Weight and material of the poster/artwork must be able to withstand being displayed on corkboard using pushpins (provided by conference hosts). Posters may be printed or hand-made. Some information that applicants may choose to include in their poster: title, background/description, importance, pictures, any possible future plans for the project, etc. Applications are due by noon on January 5, 2018. While we would like to showcase all poster entries, space is limited. Therefore, applications will be reviewed and accepted based on the following criteria: 1) Relevance to the conference theme; 2) Clear poster description; 3) Creativity. Applicants will be notified of their acceptance via email by the end of the day on January 5th. Please contact us if you need assistance or examples.

How to Enter a Poster/Artwork



Questions?

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