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2017 NORTHWOODS' INVASIVE SPECIES POSTER CONTEST

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You Are Invited!

WELCOME:

Welcome Administrators, Teachers, Parents and Students!

The Oneida County Land & Water Conservation Department (OCLWCD) and the Lumberjack Resource Conservation & Development Council (RC&D) invite you to participate in the **6th Annual Northwoods' Invasive Species Poster Contest**. Area students in 4th through 8th grades are eligible to enter. The primary goal of this contest is to educate students about *aquatic AND terrestrial invasive species* that affect our Northwoods' Counties.

Molly, the Mystery snail, asks:

"WHY WOULD YOU WANT YOUR STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS CONTEST?"

THIS IS WHY!

IT'S A FACT: Lake Superior is home to 97 non-native aquatic species!*

IT'S A FACT: Since 2008, the Emerald ash borer, a terrestrial invasive insect, has been discovered in 42 of 72 Counties (58%) in Wisconsin. **EAB kills all untreated ash trees within 3-5 years.**

IT'S A FACT: Immature Zebra mussels **cannot** be seen by the naked eye and adult Zebra mussels can filter **one quart** of water each day robbing native species of vital nutrients.

IT'S A FACT: Japanese knotweed can grow horizontal root shoots, known as rhizomes, up to 60 feet long. This is why Japanese knotweed is one of the **most difficult terrestrial invasive** species to eradicate!

IT'S A FACT: White nose syndrome is an invasive fungus from Europe that can kill more than a million bats each year.

IT'S A FACT: Chinese, Japanese and Banded Mystery snails are intermediate hosts for parasitic worms and can transmit trematodes that kill waterfowl.

We hope that students participating in this contest will gain a better understanding of how **aquatic** and **terrestrial** invasive species can affect our environment. More importantly, that ***each of us*** can help stop the spread of invasive species and protect our lakes, forests and fields! We hope you will join us in the fight against invasive species. Good luck and we hope you and your students have fun!

** www.seagrant.umn.edu/ais/superior_nonnatives*

Invasives are Everywhere!!

Our contest covers both aquatic **and** terrestrial invasives. Kids can create great posters highlighting critters like Emerald ash borer and Gypsy moth, and plants such as Japanese knotweed, Garlic mustard, Yellow iris and Glossy buckthorn. There is even an invasive called Rock snot! White nose syndrome, an invasive fungus, can kill a million bats in one year. Wild parsnip, a terrestrial invasive, can cause severe rashes and blisters if the sap touches your skin in the presence of sunlight.

We hope your students have fun creating posters using terrestrial and aquatic invasives while helping to educate others on the importance of stopping invasive species! Photos below show a small sample of subjects from which your students can choose. There are many, many more.

Emerald ash borer

White nose syndrome

Eurasian water milfoil

Yellow iris

Japanese knotweed

Glossy buckthorn

Rock snot

Rusty crayfish

Gypsy moth

Wild parsnip

Giant hogweed

Chinese mystery snail

Contest Information

Eligibility:

The **2017** contest is open to students in public, private, and home schools within the 'Northwoods' and 'Northland' regions of Wisconsin. Invasive species do not recognize county lines and neither should this contest!

Poster Divisions:

There are four poster divisions : (1) **Grade 4**, (2) **Grade 5,** (3) **Grade 6,** and (4) **Grades 7 & 8**.

Deadline: **Entries Must be received by Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.**

Poster entries (with attached entry forms) may be dropped off at specific locations (page 8), or mailed to: **Oneida County LWCD, Attention: Invasive Species Poster Contest, Courthouse, 1 South Oneida Avenue, P O Box 400, Rhinelander WI 54501.** (Please do not fold poster entries.)

Judging:

A panel of judges from the public sector, with backgrounds in the arts and sciences, will determine the winners. Judging will take place during the week of May 8-12, 2017. Judge's decisions are final. Winners will be notified by Friday, May 12. Winning posters become the property of OCLWCD and RC&D. All poster entries will be on display at the Oneida County Courthouse, 2nd floor, and will remain on the walls throughout the month of June in honor of Invasive Species Month.

2016 Poster Contest "Wall of Fame"

In 2016, we broke all previous poster contest records by receiving 467 student posters!

Plan now to take a walk to see the 2017 Poster Contest "Wall of Fame".

Poster Division

Rules:

- All artwork must be the **original work** of the individual student.
- Attach an ***Official Entry Form*** (page 9) firmly on the back of artwork.
- Due to space, copier and scanning limitations, **poster size MUST be 11 x 17 inches or smaller. PLEASE MEASURE IF YOU ARE NOT SURE. Construction paper is permitted but must be trimmed to 11 x 17 inches.**
- Posters can be on any color paper, but paper must be un-lined.
- Photos cannot be used on posters.
- Any coloring materials may be used (i.e. crayons, watercolors, chalk, markers, etc.).
- No stamps or stickers may be used.
- Be creative and "think outside the box".

Helpful Hints for Students:

Judging Criteria

✓	Message is effective	40%
✓	Student shows understanding of topic	20%
✓	Universal appeal	20%
✓	Follows contest rules	10%
✓	Originality/Creativity	10%

Copyrights

Be aware of copyrights. Copyrights are a protection by U.S. law for creators of original work. If you see this symbol (©) on any piece of work, you **cannot** use it on your poster. Use YOUR OWN ideas and/or drawings.

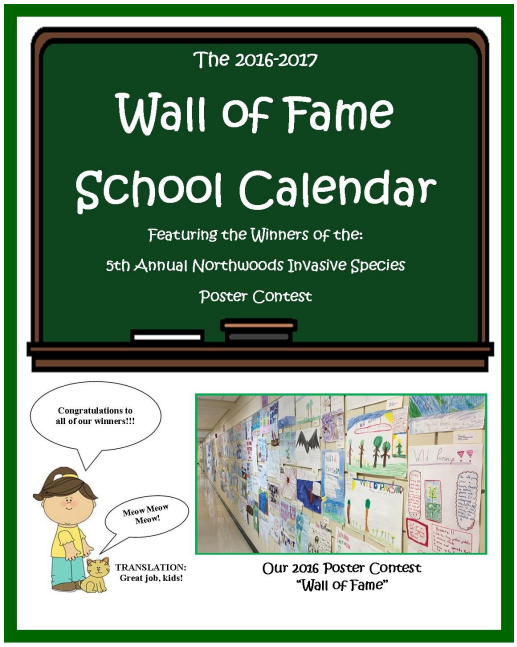
Remember

- Use the ***Official Entry Form*** (page 9). Fill it out completely and have your parent, guardian, or teacher sign and **attach it to the back of your poster**.
- Choose a brief, catchy message for your poster.
- Use colors to capture and hold attention.
- Don't use photos, stickers, or stamps on your poster.
- Don't try to include too many ideas or activities in your artwork. Simple is often better.
- HAVE FUN!

Prizes:

- Winners in each Division (Grades) will be awarded 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place trophies.
- Honorable Mention and Best Slogan Ribbons will be awarded as deemed appropriate by the judges.
- Each **1st place winner's *class*** wins too! During the weeks of May 15-19 and May 22-26, an Invasive Species Team will bring an award ceremony (which includes treats!) to the class of the 1st place winner (subject to teacher approval and coordination). Also, each **1st place winner's *school*** will receive a donated lake ecology book for its library. Get your friends to enter and you could ***all*** be winners!
- Poster winners are featured in a calendar distributed to schools and public libraries.
- In addition, a specially designed flag will be presented to each winning class.

Our School Calendar
Featuring All 2016 Winners



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www.oneidacountyais.com / www.oclw.org

Join the fun!

2016 Poster Contest
First Place Winners
(For Inspiration only. Artwork is copyrighted.)
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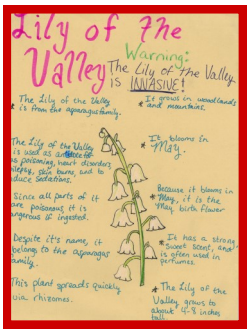
Ninde Soulier—AVW
Division 4

Isabella Retzlaff—Laona
Division 5

Summer Kiggins—Drummond
Division 7/8



Cassie Bordner - Hurley
Division 6

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Resources

Molly says:

"Check out the links and local contacts below for any questions you may have or for information that may be helpful."

LINKS:

EEK!: http://dnr.wi.gov/eek/
Great Lakes Phragmites Collaborative: http://greatlakesphragmites.net/
Great Lakes Early Detection Network: http://www.gledn.org/
Invasive Plants Association of Wisconsin: http://www.ipaw.org/
Oneida County AIS: www.oneidacountyais.com
UW-Extension Lakes: www.uwsp.edu/cnr/uwexlakes/
Wisconsin DNR: http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/invasives/

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Lumberjack RC & D: www.lumberjackrcd.org/
Northwoods Coop Weed Management Area: http://s389215224.initial-website.com/
Oneida County Land and Water Conservation: http://www.oclw.org/
Timberland Invasive Partnership: http://www.timberlandinvasives.org/

LOCAL CONTACTS:

BAYFIELD COUNTY
Andy Teal, AIS Coordinator
(715) 373-6167

IRON COUNTY
Zach Wilson,
Conservation Specialist
Land & Water Department
(715) 561-2234

LANGLADE, LINCOLN & FOREST COUNTIES
John Preuss,
Tri-County AIS Coordinator
(715) 369-9886

ONEIDA COUNTY
Michele Sadauskas,
County Conservationist
(715) 369-7835

PRICE COUNTY
Nicole Hays,
Land Conservation Technician
Land Conservation Department
(715) 339-2550

VILAS COUNTY
Cathy Higley, Invasive Species Coordinator
(715) 479-3738

TIMBERLAND INVASIVE PARTNERSHIP (TIP)
Christopher Arrowood, Coordinator
Covering Oconto, Shawano, Langlade and Menominee Counties
(715) 799-5710 Ext. 3

NORTHWOODS COOP WEED MANAGEMENT AREA
Adam Haecker, Coordinator
Covering Iron, Ashland, Douglas, and Bayfield Counties
Bayfield County LWC
(715) 373-6167

WISCONSIN HEADWATERS INVASIVE PARTNERSHIP (WHIP)
Rosie Page, Coordinator
Covering Oneida and Vilas Counties
(715) 282-7269

Drop-off Locations

Bayfield County Land & Water Conservation Department
615 Second Avenue East
Washburn WI 54891

Crandon Public Library
110 West Polk Street
Crandon, WI 54520
(715) 478-3784

Demmer Memorial Library
6961 West School Street
Three Lakes, WI 54562
(715) 546-3391

Iron County Land & Water Department
607 3rd Avenue
Hurley, WI 54534
(715) 561-2234

Langlade County Land Conservation Department
837 Clermont Street
Antigo, WI 54409
(715) 627-6292

Minocqua Public Library
415 Menominee Street
Minocqua, WI 54548
(715) 356-4437

Oneida County Land & Water Conservation Department
Courthouse - 2nd Floor
1 South Oneida Avenue
Rhinelander, WI 54501
(715) 369-7835

Park Falls Public Library
121 North Fourth Avenue
Park Falls, WI 54552
(715) 762-3121

Rhinelander District Library
106 North Stevens Street
Rhinelander, WI 54501
(715) 365-1070

Menominee County Land Conservation and Zoning Department
Timberland Invasive Partnership (TIP)
W3270 Courthouse Lane
Keshena, WI 54135
(715) 799-5710 Ext. 3

Tomahawk Public Library
300 West Lincoln Avenue
Tomahawk, WI 54487
(715) 453-2455

Vaughn Public Library
502 W Main Street
Ashland WI 54806
(715) 682-7060

Walter E. Olson Memorial Library
Temporary Location – Ministry Annex
150 E. Hospital Road
Eagle River, WI 54521
(715) 479-8070

Washburn Public Library
307 Washington Avenue
Washburn WI 54891
(715) 373-6172

Molly says:

"If drop-off locations are not convenient, contact Michele Sadauskas at 715-369-7835, or e-mail: msadauskas@co.oneida.wi.us"

* * * * *Official Entry Form* * * * *

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FILL OUT COMPLETELY. PRINT CLEARLY. ATTACH FIRMLY TO THE BACK OF YOUR ARTWORK.

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Artist's Name: _____

Artist's Age: _____

Artist's Home Phone #: _____

Division: ***(Choose your current grade level)*** ❑ 4th Grade ❑ 5th Grade ❑ 6th Grade ❑ 7th or 8th Grade

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Teacher's Name: _____

School Name: _____

School Phone #: _____

School Address: _____

Teacher E-mail: _____

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