



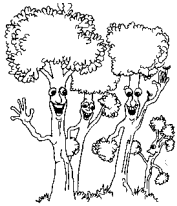
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CELEBRATE ARBOR DAY

In celebration of Arbor Day we are offering White pine, Japanese black pine and Colorado blue spruce seedlings to schools and scouts in Ocean County at a discount rate of \$45.00 for 100 seedlings or \$15.00 for 25 seedlings. Seedlings range in size

from 6" to 14" and will be distributed with planting instructions. These three species have been selected for their ornamental and conservation values as well as their ability to adapt to Ocean County soils.

Also available this year are GROW YOUR OWN TREE planting packets. Each packet contains 105 Thornless honeylocust tree seeds, 35 peat planting pellets, 35 emery boards and instructions. Designed for classes of 35, the planting packets provide experience in preparing and planting tree seeds. Planting packets cost \$15.00 each.

Each teacher ordering seedlings or a planting packet will also receive an Arbor Day packet filled with posters, student activities and other helpful information on trees, forests, and conservation for Grades K-12. For those of you who do not place an order, but would still like an Arbor Day packet, a \$5 fee will be charged.

Order deadline is April 2. Distribution dates are April 27 and April 28. Seedlings can be picked up on those dates between 7:00 am and 4:00 pm at this office. Arbor Day packets will be delivered to your school shortly after the order deadline.

USE THE ORDER FORM ON PAGE FOUR TO RESERVE YOUR ARBOR DAY SEEDLINGS OR PLANTING PACKETS.



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SAVE THE DATE

7th Annual Barnegat Bay Environmental Educators Roundtable April 29, 2004

Watch for additional details in the next newsletter!



TEACHER OF THE YEAR



Do you know a conservation-minded teacher who deserves a reward for encouraging students to conserve natural resources? If so, the 2004 Conservation Education Recognition Program is something

in which he or she should participate. The program recognizes the efforts of teachers who advance the wise use, protection and enhancement of our soil, water and related resources.

Elementary (Grades K-6) and secondary (Grades 7-12) educators will be recognized in separate categories. All teachers in public, parochial and private schools are eligible to participate in the program.

Teachers are encouraged to submit their own names for consideration; the deadline is **May 1, 2004.**

For more information about the Conservation Education Recognition Program or to request an entry form, call us at 609-971-7002.

\$CHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

The New Jersey Association of Conservation Districts has announced that up to two (2) \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded in 2004. The Scholarships will be awarded to enable qualified students to pursue a career in a field related to the conservation and management of our natural resources. The New Jersey Association of Conservation Districts established this scholarship fund to serve as a living memorial to recognize those dedicated to the conservation of our natural resources.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Must be a New Jersey resident.
2. Must be a full time student in good standing at an accredited College.
3. Must have successfully completed, or will complete by the scholarship award date, at least four full semesters of study.
4. Must be an undergraduate enrolled in a major curriculum of agriculture or natural resource conservation, including agronomy, soil science, plant science, forestry, geography, journalism, agricultural education, environmental science, wildlife or fisheries management, environmental engineering, and other areas related to conservation.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

1. Academic commitment to a field of conservation.
2. Demonstrated scholastic ability.
3. Involvement in extra curricular activities or volunteer projects related to conservation.
4. Financial need.

Applications must be submitted by April 16, 2004 and may be obtained by contacting our office.

THE NEW JERSEY ENVIROTHON

The Envirothon is a dynamic hands-on Environmental Education Program designed for high school students. The Envirothon seeks to empower participants through training, direct experience, team work and competition with the motivation, knowledge and skills to actively take part in natural resource management decisions and problem-solving. Preparation for the Envirothon is designed to introduce students to a wide range of professionals working in environmentally related fields, give a background in natural resources and the varied options that go into decision-making, and allow students practice in working with information and differing viewpoints to reach a decision through consensus and teamwork.

Throughout the year, students will explore different natural resource-related topics, including **soils, forestry, aquatics, wildlife ecology and current environmental issues**. The 2004 national issue is ***Natural Resource Management in the Urban Environment***. The team advisor or "coach" will facilitate the training by incorporating hands-on activities with the educational study guide, which is produced by the Envirothon sponsors. The study guide can also be used to supplement regular lesson plans or be added to a resource library for future use. The Envirothon will help teachers meet New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards in Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies.

Make an environmental investment that is both fun and educational! Registration deadline for the NJ Envirothon is March 1, 2004.

SPRING Conservation Day

Families, School Groups, Scouts Welcome!

Join us at the

FOREST RESOURCE EDUCATION CENTER

Saturday, April 17, 2004

10 am to 3 pm (Rain or Shine)

Meet Smokey Bear, Woodsy Owl, and Treeture!

For more information contact:

FOREST RESOURCE EDUCATION CENTER

370 East Veterans Highway (Route 527)

Jackson, NJ 08527

(732) 928-2360

www.state.nj.us/dep/forestry/service/njfs

e-mail: njfsfrec@bellatlantic.net

THE 2004 NEW JERSEY ENVIROTHON

WILL BE HELD AT:

**Montclair State University
School of Conservation
Branchville, New Jersey
Saturday, May 8, 2004**

For more information about the NJ Envirothon or to obtain a registration form, contact us at 609-971-7002 or visit <http://nj.nacdnet.org/envirothon>.

THE LIVING SOIL

The theme of this year's conservation contests has been selected to promote greater awareness and a broader understanding of the connection between our actions and the world in which we live. Because we all depend upon natural resources, each of us is responsible for making informed decisions when using these resources. By becoming more aware of the impact of our actions upon natural resources, we will be better prepared to make informed, responsible decisions.

When informing students about this year's contests, have them explore why soil is so important to our welfare and why soil is "living". Without the soil, nothing lives. Healthy soils support healthy environments, and healthy environments support healthy life. So it is wise to promote the conservation, management and care of soil.

There are two contests: bumper sticker and poster. There are three divisions in the bumper sticker contest: Grades 4-6, 7-9, and 10-12. The poster contest has five divisions: Grades K-1, 2-3, 4-6, 7-9, and 10-12.

Bumper stickers and posters will be evaluated using the following criteria: Conservation message, Visual effectiveness, Overall appeal, Originality, and Relevance to contest theme (The Living Soil).

Contest winners in each division will receive the following awards:

First Place: \$100 bond

Second Place: \$75 bond

Third Place: \$50 bond

First place winners in the bumper sticker and poster contests are automatically entered in a state-wide competition.

The Grand Champion of the bumper sticker contest is chosen from among the first place winners, and wins a \$100 Bond. His or her bumper sticker is processed into actual stickers which are made available to the public and are distributed by the District at various events throughout the year.

We have assembled an information packet that will help teachers and students prepare for these contests. Contact us if you would like to receive it.

CONTEST RULES

All students must complete the entry form provided below

Note: It is strongly recommended that you include the theme of the contest on the front of your entry.

BUMPER STICKER CONTEST - GRADES 4-12

- Dimensions: 3-3/4" X 15"
- Attach entry form to the back of bumper sticker
- Include a one to three sentence explanation of your entry typed or neatly written in ink on an index card. Be sure to include your name on the index card and to attach it to the back of your entry.
- Any medium except: collage, montage, computer art/graphics
- Entry deadline: April 2, 2004
- Limit: One entry per student

POSTER CONTEST - GRADES K-12

- Dimensions: 22" x 28" only. Poster must be flat, no 3-D objects.
- Attach entry form to the back of poster
- Include a one to three sentence explanation of your entry typed or neatly written in ink on an index card. Be sure to include your name on the index card and to attach it to the back of your entry.
- Any medium except: collage, montage, computer art/graphics
- The contest theme must be included on the front of the poster.
- Entry deadline: April 2, 2004
- Limit: One entry per student

2004 CONSERVATION CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Grade: _____

Student Name: _____

* Social Security #: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

School: _____

Teacher: _____

School Phone: _____

Certification: *I certify that this is the original work of:*

_____ Student

_____ Parent

_____ Teacher

* Needed for purchase of savings bond at time of winning.
Ocean County Soil Conservation District

ORDER FORM FOR ARBOR DAY SEEDLINGS & PLANTING PACKETS

SCHOOL _____ TELEPHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

CONTACT PERSON _____ HOME TELEPHONE _____

How many teachers participating? _____ Students? _____ Grades Involved? _____

Item	# of Packs X Cost Per Pack	Amount
White Pine (100)	X \$45.00	
White Pine (25)	X \$15.00	
Japanese Black Pine (100)	X \$45.00	
Japanese Black Pine (25)	X \$15.00	
Colorado Blue Spruce (100)	X \$45.00	
Colorado Blue Spruce (25)	X \$15.00	
Planting Packet (35)	X \$15.00	
Total Due		

Order Deadline:
April 2, 2004

Pick-up Dates:
April 27 & 28, 2004

Make checks payable to:
Ocean County SCD

Mail to:
**Ocean County SCD
714 Lacey Road
Forked River, NJ 08731**

Barnegat Bay Festival

Saturday, June 5, 2004 • For information call 732-255-0472



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