

White County Soil & Water Conservation District
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Poster Contest Guidelines

1. All White County students, grades K – 8, are eligible to participate.
2. Theme: ***“Home Is Where The Habitat Is”***
3. Size: 12” x 18”
4. The theme must appear on the poster.
5. Student’s name, grade, school, and teacher’s name must be written on back of poster.
6. Posters must be submitted to the White County Soil and Water Conservation District by **Wednesday, February 12, 2025.**
7. First place winners of each grade level will advance to the grand prize competition.
8. District directors will serve as judges, and entries will be judged on originality, eye appeal, and theme.
9. Prizes are as follows:

1 st place - \$15	Grand prizes:
2 nd place - \$10	\$ 20 (K-4)
3 rd place - \$5	\$ 20 (5-8)
10. First place and Grand Prize winners will be honored and awarded prizes at the White County Soil and Water Conservation District Annual Meeting Thursday, February 20, 2025.



Home is Where the Habitat Is

What is a “habitat?” To put it simply, a habitat is where an animal lives naturally. For example, a forest is the habitat of white tailed deer. The forest is the deer’s home. There are many types of habitats all over the world. A small pond would be a bullfrog’s habitat while prairie dogs live in the prairie. The animals build their homes in these habitats.

Sometimes the habitats are our backyards! Think back to the last time you saw a bird nest in a tree that is in the backyard. We also build habitats for wildlife. Planting native flowers provides habitats for important insects, like ladybugs, that eat the bad insects, like aphids. Birds also love native flowers because they eat the seeds or some of the bad insects that try to eat the flowers. Habitats like these are very important to keep wildlife around. We also build homes for the wildlife to put in the habitat. Bird houses keep birds safe from rain and wind so they can raise their babies until they are old enough to fly.

Helping build homes and habitats can be as simple as building a birdhouse to put in a flower patch or as complex as planting an entire forest for a deer. For wildlife, home is where the habitat is!