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2017 NORTHWOODS’ INVASIVE SPECIES POSTER CONTEST
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.

“We Why Would You Want Your Students To Participate In This Contest?”

Molly, the Mystery snail, asks:

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.
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:

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.

Join the fun!

Our School Calendar
Featuring All 2016 Winners

2016 Poster Contest
First Place Winners
(For Inspiration only. Artwork is copyrighted.)

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Our 2016 Poster Contest
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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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2017 Partners
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/

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

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<td>615 Second Avenue East, Washburn WI 54891</td>
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<td><strong>Cranford Library</strong></td>
<td>110 West Polk Street, Crandon WI 54520</td>
<td>(715) 478-3784</td>
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<td><strong>Demmer Memorial Library</strong></td>
<td>6961 West School Street, Three Lakes WI 54562</td>
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<td><strong>Iron County Land &amp; Water</strong></td>
<td>607 3rd Avenue, Hurley WI 54534</td>
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<td><strong>Langlade County Land</strong></td>
<td>837 Clermont Street, Antigo WI 54409</td>
<td>(715) 627-6292</td>
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<td><strong>Conservation Department</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Minocqua Public Library</strong></td>
<td>415 Menominee Street, Minocqua WI 54548</td>
<td>(715) 356-4437</td>
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<td><strong>Oneida County Land &amp; Water</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Conservation Department</strong></td>
<td>Rhinelander WI 54501</td>
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<td><strong>Park Falls Public Library</strong></td>
<td>121 North Fourth Avenue, Park Falls WI 54552</td>
<td>(715) 762-3121</td>
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<td><strong>Rhineland District Library</strong></td>
<td>106 North Stevens Street, Rhinelander WI 54501</td>
<td>(715) 365-1070</td>
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<td><strong>Menominee County Land Conservation and Zoning Department</strong></td>
<td>W3270 Courthouse Lane, Keshena WI 54135</td>
<td>(715) 799-5710 Ext. 3</td>
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<td><strong>Tomahawk Public Library</strong></td>
<td>300 West Lincoln Avenue, Tomahawk WI 54487</td>
<td>(715) 453-2455</td>
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<td><strong>Vaughn Public Library</strong></td>
<td>502 W Main Street, Ashland WI 54806</td>
<td>(715) 682-7060</td>
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<td><strong>Walter E. Olson Memorial Library</strong></td>
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<td>150 E. Hospital Road, Eagle River WI 54521</td>
<td>(715) 479-8070</td>
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<td><strong>Washburn Public Library</strong></td>
<td>307 Washington Avenue, Washburn WI 54891</td>
<td>(715) 373-6172</td>
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*Molly says:*

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

Teacher’s Name: ____________________________________________________________
School Name: ______________________________________________________________
School Phone #: ____________________________________________________________
School Address: _____________________________________________________________
Teacher E-mail: _____________________________________________________________

Please read and sign the following statement:

I have read and agree to the rules of the Northwoods' Invasive Species Poster Contest. All decisions of the judges are final. I assign all rights and ownership of my poster to the organizers and agree that it may be used, published, displayed, or donated. Winning entries become the property of OCLWCD and Lumberjack RC&D. I certify that this poster is my original, created work as witnessed by my parent, guardian or teacher.

Required Signatures:

ARTIST: ___________________________________________ Date: _____________________

PARENT, GUARDIAN: _______________________________ Date: _____________________

OR

TEACHER: _________________________________________ Date: _____________________

QUESTIONS? Contact:
Oneida County LWCD at 715-369-7835
or e-mail: msadauskas@co.oneida.wi.us

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