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Calling All Creative Youth Groups: Rain Barrel Design Contest

Is your group looking for extra money? Do you enjoy being creative through art? Then look no further than the Winnebago County Soil and Water Conservation District's (SWCD) Rain Barrel Design Contest. The SWCD is having this contest to get youth more involved in water conservation, watershed protection and rain barrels. The group whose design is chosen will paint the barrel which will be auctioned off at the SWCD's Annual Meeting with all proceeds going back to the group.



The contest is open to all youth groups (4-Hers, Scouts, church & school groups and school classes) from Winnebago County. The SWCD will not accept entries from individuals or groups outside of Winnebago County.

Each group can submit up to three designs that promote water conservation and watershed protection and should account for the use of the entire circumference of a rain barrel. Designs need to be submitted to the SWCD Office via mail, email or in person at 4833 Owen Center Road, Rockford, IL 61101 no later than Wednesday, October 30th, 2013. The SWCD Office is open Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 4:30pm.

The SWCD will notify all groups in early November of the status of their design while the top design will be chosen based on how well the theme is portrayed. The group will need to pick up a rain barrel from the SWCD Office, apply the design to the rain barrel using their own supplies, and drop it off at the SWCD Office no later than Friday, January 3rd, 2014.



The SWCD encourages the entire group to complete the painting and not just one individual. Adult group leaders are discouraged to significantly assist during the completion of the painting. The finished rain barrel will be up for bid at an exclusive live auction at the District's Annual Meeting on Friday, January 31st, 2014. The proceeds from the sale of the rain barrel will go to the group whose design was chosen and completed the painting. Don't delay, submit your design today!

[Click on the links below to learn more about watersheds, water conservation and rain barrels:](#)

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Entry Form for the Rain Barrel Design Contest (one per group)

Name of Group:

Brief Description of Group:

Contact Information:

Name:

Mailing address:

Phone #: () -

Website (if applicable):

Email:

If your group's design was to be selected, and your group was to receive auction proceeds, what would you use the money for? (Attach additional paper if needed)