

## 2025 SOUTHEASTERN YOUTH FAIR CONSERVATION LANDSCAPE TRAY CONTEST

- **COORDINATOR:** Stefani Duarte (347)256-6274
- **SPONSORED BY:** Marion Soil & Water Conservation District
- **ENTRY DEADLINE/IMPORTANT DATES:** See Calendar of Events for all important dates
- **LOCATION:** SELP Auditorium

1. The SEYF General Rules & Regulations apply to this contest.
2. Contest is open to individuals and/or Groups.
3. If you are competing as a Group, each team member **MUST FILL OUT AN ENTRY FORM.**
4. A Group must consist of two (2) or more individuals representing a club or chapter. No points will be awarded for Group entries towards "Youth Conservationist of the Year."
5. All entries must use a **20" x 26" x 6"** plastic tray. Trays may be borrowed or purchased from the Sponsor. Borrowed trays will require a deposit of **\$25.00**. You can also purchase these trays from a local hardware store. These trays are called "concrete mixing trays" and can be found in the lumber section in Lowe's, Home Depot, or similar stores.
6. All entries must be identified on the side of the tray with the following information:
  - Individual or Group name
  - 4-H Club or FFA/FCCLA Chapter
  - Age
  - Division (Junior, Intermediate, Senior or Group)
7. Model landscape from any suitable material. (Contact the Show Coordinator if you have questions.)
8. All entries must use materials that will last ten (10) days without replacement.
9. Trays Must be easily portable and **NOT** excessively heavy. Prohibited items include real sand, soil, and plants; instead; opt for lightweight alternatives.
10. All items must be securely fastened to the tray using methods like glue or tape. Neither the SEYF nor the MSWCD will be responsible for missing or broken items.
11. Exhibits brought in after the check-in date and time will not be accepted.
12. Exhibits and awards not picked up on the day and time indicated in the Calendar of Events will be forfeited and become MSWCD property.
13. The Show Coordinator will contact the winners with the date and time of the Marion SWCD's Awards Night. In the event that the Awards Night does not occur, winners can pick up their awards from the SEYF office. **To receive awards, all fair requirements must be met, including thank you letters to sponsors which must be turned in by March 14, 2025.**
14. Failure to comply with the rules will result in point deductions and/or disqualification. Please carefully review all the rules to ensure adherence.

### **JUDGING**

15. MSWCD will designate three (3) judges to evaluate entries based on the following criteria:
  - Appearance – neatness, materials used & overall workmanship 33 points
  - Authenticity – scale, effective use of the practice listed on tray 33 points
  - Conservation practices – effectively using a MINIMUM of three, 33 points  
neatly labeled, and obvious; However, more than three are encouraged.  
Practices must be obvious to the viewer and neatly labeled.
  - Following rule #6 1 point

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TOTAL 100 POINTS

16. SOME SUGGESTED PRACTICES: (This is not an inclusive list.)

Categories may include:

<b><u>AGRICULTURE</u></b>	<b><u>RECREATION or WILDLIFE</u></b>	<b><u>URBAN or ENERGY</u></b>
Crop Rotation	Pond Site/Water Facility	Composting
Cover Crop	Prescribed Burning	Mulching
Conservation Tillage	Tree Planting	Renewable Energy
Pasture & Hay-land Mgmt.	Wildlife Management	Irrigation System
Fencing	Woodland Management	Reclaimed Water Use
Hedgerow Planting	Field Windbreak/Border	Recycling

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### **DIVISIONS**

17. Junior, Intermediate & Senior contestants will earn points toward Youth Conservationist of the Year.
18. A Group consists of two (2) or more team members, representing a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter.

### **AWARDS**

19. The Show Coordinator reserves the right to withhold awards if competition is insufficient and/or if rules have not been adhered to by any individual and/or Group.
20. Premiums may be awarded after all sponsorship has been collected and all expenses have been paid on individual shows & events.
  - Best of Show (Trophy and Ribbon)
  - Divisions: 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> in each division (\$50.00, \$25.00, \$10.00)
21. Group Division awards will be presented to the Group as a whole.

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