

The entire province of Alberta can participate in this contest. Free watershed presentations, mentorship and funding is available.

# HOW IT WORKS

Answer the question:

# What can you do to improve your watershed?

- Enter the contest closest to you in either Southern Alberta or Central Alberta.
- Independently, or as a team of no more than four, identify an **environmental concern** that impacts your watershed.
- Come up with a <u>realistic solution</u> to address the concern.

  Discuss your idea with your parents, teachers, friends and local experts.
- Research your idea and explain it in an approximately 1,000 word proposal. Include visuals (videos, models, graphics etc). Be creative!
   Proposal guidelines can be found at CaringForOurWatersheds.com
- Go to CaringForOurWatersheds.com and register your team.
   If you do not have web access, contact your local Program Coordinator for a paper registration form. Entries must be delivered by mail or submitted online no later than <a href="March 18">March 18</a>, 2014 in Southern Alberta and April 3, 2014 in Central Alberta.
- Entries are judged on innovation, environmental impact, comprehensive scope, communication, budget, realistic solution and visuals.
- 10 finalists will be selected and mentored to prepare a five minute verbal presentation to a panel of judges and a public audience.
- All students are encouraged to implement their ideas.
- You can win rewards for yourself and your school!

If you have an idea, We want to HEAR IT!

If you want to take action, We can help make it HAPPEN!





By joining the **CARING FOR OUR WATERSHEDS** program you take a stand for the environment. You join students from all over the world who want their voice to be heard. We all need to work together to ensure our watersheds are healthy and sustainable.

# AWARDS IN EACH CONTEST

1st Place	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	4th Place	5th Place
\$1,000	\$900	\$800	\$700	\$600
6th Place	7 <sup>th</sup> Place	8th Place	9th Place	10th Place

Students - \$6,000 available

Schools/Registered, Non-profit club - \$11,000 available (based on number of entries and finalists' placement)

# IMPLEMENTATION IN EACH CONTEST

**\$10,000** available (to share between realistic entries)

Every year a student's idea is implemented internationally. In 2013, over 300 rain barrels were given away. In 2014, all schools who participate will be entered to win a free water bottle filling station. Visit the website for further details.

#### SOUTHERN AB DEADLINES

**Tuesday, March 18, 2014** – Contest entry deadline **Saturday, April 26, 2014** – Final competition

### **ELIGIBILITY**

**CARING FOR OUR WATERSHEDS: Southern Alberta** is open to students in **Grades 7–12** who **live in the Alberta borders** south of and including the city of Calgary.

#### CONTACT

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# CENTRAL AB DEADLINES

**Thursday, April 3, 2014** – Contest entry deadline **Satursday, May 10, 2014** – Final competition

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

**CARING FOR OUR WATERSHEDS: Central Alberta** is open to students in **Grades 7–12** who **live in the Alberta borders** north of the city of Calgary.

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\*The Program Coordinator reserves the right to change or adjust reward amounts and contest deadlines based on the level of participation. The first 500 students will receive a participation reward. The first 500 entries will receive a school/club reward. Restrictions may apply.

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