



**CLAY COUNTY SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT
2016 SPEECH CONTEST**

THEME: "WHY DO WE ALL NEED TREES?"

1st Place

\$50.00

2nd Place

\$25.00

3rd Place

\$15.00



Entries are due by 4:30 p.m. March 25th, 2016

Clay County Soil & Water Conservation District
2463 SR 16 West, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043
904-284-6355

SPEECH CONTEST LOCATION & DATE

March 29th, 2016 @ 6:00 PM
Clay County Extension Office
2463 SR 16 West, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043

CONTEST RULES & ELIGIBILITY

ELIGIBILITY

Contest is open to public, home or private school students from 9th through 12th grade in Clay County.

Provide a typewritten speech, double-spaced on 8.5" x 11" inch white paper, with 1" margin.

Use standard font, no greater than 12 point type.

Include a cover page with contestant's name, speech title, parent or guardian's name and school name. A signed release form is also required.

The speech must be hand-delivered or emailed (dnistler@ufl.edu) by 4:30 P.M. or postmarked on or before the deadline date of March 25th, 2016.

CONTEST RULES

Contest Topic – "WHY DO WE NEED TREES?"

Speeches must be original, not previously used and created by the contestant.

Notes may be used while speaking but no form of audio or visual aids.

The winner of the local competition will be entered in an area competition, and then may advance to the State competition.

Contestant may not wear attire that identifies them with any organization (e.g., FFA, 4-H, or school logos).

Time Limit - Speeches must be a minimum of six minutes, but not greater than eight minutes in length. Time under or over these limits, respectively, will result in 2 points deducted for each 15 second increment or part thereof.

Judging – A standard score sheet will be used for all contestants. The judges' decisions will be final. Judges will score entries based on the following criteria:

CATEGORY	ITEM	POINTS
CONTENT	• Relevance to given topic	10
	• Treatment (material used and accuracy of statements)	20
	• Originality (subject matter and treatment)	20
COMPOSITION	Organization, cohesiveness, grammar, and style	10
DELIVERY	• Voice (enunciation, modulation)	10

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal Appearance • Communicative Expertise (sincerity, ability to convey thought and meaning) • Stage Presence (gestures, visual contact) 	<p>10</p> <p>10</p> <p>10</p>
	Total Possible Points	100

Oral speeches will be presented on March 29th, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.:

UF/IFAS Clay County Extension office, 2463 SR 16 West, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. 904-284-6355

*Note to Teachers: Participation in this event would directly relate to Sunshine State Standards, Language Arts, LA.C.3.4.1 and LA.C.3.4.2.

**2016 SPEECH CONTEST
CONSENT AND PHOTO
RELEASE FORM**

Student Name: _____

I hereby agree that all photographs, video recordings and/or audio recordings made of me for the purposes of publicity, illustration, advertising or publication about the 2016 Speech Contest by authorized media personnel may be used by the Clay County Soil and Water Conservation District without compensation to me. I also agree that my name may be released to publications for educational or promotional purposes.

Student Signature: _____

Parents or Guardian must sign for minors. (Minors are anyone under the age of 18.)

Parent or Guardian Name (printed): _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____