



## Educator Newsletter

### Quick Reminder - Deadlines Approaching!

### Free Trees for Students

Don't miss out on Free Trees for your students! The deadline to order is **March 22, 2024!**

Thanks to our wonderful sponsors, Licking Soil & Water can offer Free Trees to Licking County students! There are two different options for our Free Trees program.

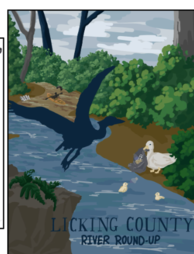
Option 1 is that each student at a participating school receives a seedling tree to take and plant at home. This option is ideal for schools where students have a place at home to plant a tree.

Option 2 allows you to request a certain number of trees to plant on your school grounds. This option is perfect for enhancing an outdoor classroom and allows all students to have ownership and responsibility for the trees planted at their school.

Each option includes the trees and all items needed to prep the trees for you to send with the students. This includes planting guides and teacher resource guides that meet state educational standards.

If you are interested in reserving free trees for your students or school, please fill out this [Google Form](#).

The free trees will be available for pick up at our office on Friday, April 19th from 8:30 am until 7:00 pm!



### River Round Up Poster Contest

There is still time to submit a poster to the River Round Up Poster Contest! All poster contest entries are due by **April 5, 2024!**

Every September, Licking Soil & Water and our partners host the River Round Up. This event brings out hundreds of volunteers to help clean up the Licking River and its tributaries. To help advertise this event, we ask students throughout Licking County to submit their posters reflecting on water pollution awareness, the importance of clean water, and encouraging volunteer participation in the River Round Up.

Entries are split into three categories: Elementary (K-4), Intermediate/Middle School (5-8), and High School (9-12). One winner in each category is chosen. The students with the winning posters receive a \$100 award for themselves and a \$500 award for their school's science or art programming.

For more information on the River Round Up poster contest, or to submit a River Round Up poster, please visit the [River Round Up Poster Contest 2024](#) page on our website. If you would like the Conservation Educator to come to your classroom or school to introduce the poster contest, please contact Deirdre Wise at [DeirdreWise@LickingSWCD.com](mailto:DeirdreWise@LickingSWCD.com) or 740-670-5333.

[Please click here for links to Clean Water Teaching Resources and potential talking points to get your students thinking about the importance of clean water and the River Round Up.](#)

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## Important Dates

Mar 22: Free Trees for Students requests through Google Form due

Apr 5: Deadline for River Round Up poster contest entries

Apr 9: Tri-County Envirothon @ Taft Reserve South in Licking County

Apr 19: Free Trees for Students pick-up day @ Licking Soil and Water Office

Apr 22: Earth Day

Apr 26: Area 3 Envirothon @ Glenford Fort Preserve in Perry County

Apr 26: Arbor Day

Apr 28 - May 5: Stewardship Week

May 11: Backyard Conservation Day @ Soil and Water Land Lab

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