



## South Platte Natural Resources District

Established in 1972, the South Platte Natural Resources District (SPNRD) is one of 23 Natural Resources Districts (NRDs) in Nebraska. Located in Sidney, the District consists of Kimball, Cheyenne, and Deuel Counties.

NRDs were created to address flood control, soil erosion, irrigation run-off, and groundwater quantity and quality issues. Nebraska's NRDs are involved in a wide variety of projects and programs to conserve and protect the state's natural resources.

## Our Programs

This Education Resource Guide lists the various education opportunities provided by either SPNRD or in collaboration with other conservation organizations.

SPNRD is committed to providing the best information about the care, protection and use of our natural resources. We have a variety of programs to educate both youth and adults. We serve schools, youth groups, producers and the general public. From our resource lending library to workshops and special events, our goal is to help develop positive, environmentally sound ideas for all generations.

We are able to provide educational experiences in Natural Resources in the classroom, outside for outdoor classrooms, or bring in experts to speak on topics that align with your curriculum. All activities are free of charge! Most activities can be adjusted to fit into specific classrooms for K-12. If interested, please contact us at your earliest convenience.

Some topic suggestions are:

- Ground Water
- Trees
- Range Management
- Soil
- Wildlife

## Our Scholarships

To assist students who have an interest in furthering their education and experience in natural resources, the SPNRD offers one - \$500 Conservation Scholarship and up to six Camp Scholarships. Applicants must be a resident of Kimball, Cheyenne or Deuel Counties.

Applications are available on our website and the deadline is May 1, 2024 by 5:00 p.m.

# Education Resource Guide 2023-2024



## Range Judging

The Range Judging contest is a high school competition that challenges students to gain a better understanding of Nebraska's rangelands. Participants learn how to recognize range plants, range sites and proper grazing practices.

**Area 1 (Panhandle):**

**09/19/23**

**State: Sept. 26-27, 2023**



## Land Judging

The Land Judging contest is a high school competition that challenges students to gain a better understanding of soil structure and land evaluation. Participants learn how to recognize physical features of soil, determine land capability, and evaluate management practices for proper stewardship.

**West Region: 10/11/23**

**State: 10/25/23**



## Envirothon

Envirothon is a program for 9th-12th grade students to learn more about our natural environment. Students compete in contests that test their knowledge on a wide array of subjects relating to natural resources and the environment.

**Field Day: 10/18/23**

**West Region: TBD**

**State: 04/24/24**



## Natural Resources Day May 6, 2024

We have partnered with ESU 13 and have expanded our focus to include other natural resources. This day consists of interactive demonstrations, hands-on activities and games to create student interest and awareness. Fourth grade students in Cheyenne, Deuel and Kimball counties are invited to attend.



## ACE Camp June 23-26, 2024

Adventure Camp about the Environment is open to students who have completed 6th, 7th or 8th grade. Campers will learn about: aquatics, forestry, range and grassland, wildlife, soils and land. ACE also includes adventurous activities such as a zipline, tanking and tubing, a campfire and many other games! We have camp scholarships available.



## Range Camp Date TBD

The Nebraska Youth Range Camp is for students 14-18 years old. Campers will learn about ranching, natural resources, range judging, leadership, and more. Students will be actively involved in lectures, field activities, hands-on experience, and recreational activities. We have camp scholarships available.



## Know Your Well

This semester-long project is designed for 9th - 12th grade FFA Chapters or science classes to educate students about the importance of water quality in the community. Students are able to connect to the community by collecting, testing, and analyzing the results of water samples from private domestic wells.