

Finalists Selected for *Caring For Our Watersheds* Contest

ALBERTA, APRIL 17, 2025 - The top ten finalists have been selected in the Alberta *Caring for Our Watersheds* contest. Finalists will present their solutions to environmental concerns at the Reynolds-Alberta Museum in Wetaskiwin, Alberta on May 9, 2025.

For the contest, students are asked to submit a proposal that answers the question, “What can you do to improve your watershed?” As part of the competition, students must research their local watershed, identify an environmental concern, and come up with a project proposal to implement a realistic solution in their watershed.

This year, 264 students submitted proposals to positively impact their watershed. Participants represent six of the 11 major watersheds in the province, including the Battle River, Beaver River, Bow River, North Saskatchewan River, Red Deer River, and South Saskatchewan River. The top ten finalists represent schools from Calgary, Lloydminster, Medicine Hat, and Millarville.

Finalists have the opportunity to win a cash prize as well as a matching amount for their school. Nutrien, the contest sponsor, also provides an additional \$10,000 to help all contestants implement their ideas. Student proposals included ideas such as watershed board games, reward programs for recycling, planting pollinator gardens, and developing a snow-to-water filter system. These projects showcase the creative ways that students have proposed to make a positive impact in their watersheds. Three honourable mentions are also being acknowledged this year to highlight the diversity of schools and projects making a difference in their communities.

Judges from across the province were involved in determining the finalists, including representatives from Alberta’s Watershed Planning and Advisory Councils.

Caring for Our Watersheds is an international program. Students in Canada, the United States, and Argentina are engaged in improving their watersheds through this program. The Canadian contest started in 2007 through the Battle River Watershed Alliance, with support from the Battle River Community Foundation.

Thank you to all the students, teachers, judges, and volunteers who participated in this year’s Alberta *Caring for Our Watersheds* contest, sponsored by Nutrien and hosted by the Battle River Watershed Alliance.

The success of *Caring for Our Watersheds* relies on teachers, students, and community volunteers. If you would like to be involved in the 2025-2026 contest, please visit caringforourwatersheds.com

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PROJECT NAME	TEAM MEMBERS	SCHOOL
BEE INN	LAUREN & LILY	CRESCENT HEIGHTS
BUBBLE TROUBLE	ELLY & SLOANE	CRESCENT HEIGHTS
CAPTAIN CLEARWATER	ELLA & KAITLYN	TRINITY CHRISTIAN
GET TROUT OF HERE	IKALE	MILLARVILLE
LIFE ON THE EDGE	DARIUS, GRAYSEN, & EASTON	TRINITY CHRISTIAN
LIFESTREAM	HUDSON & EVAN	BISHOP LLOYD
RAINWATER GARDENS	MANDY, ANDIE, & OLIVIA	TRINITY CHRISTIAN
RIVER RESCUE	DUTCH	BISHOP LLOYD
SNOW-TO-WATER FILTER	AVA & BRANDON	JOANE CARDINAL-SCHUBERT
SUGARCANE: SWEET & SUSTAINABLE	LUKE & OSADOLOR	TRINITY CHRISTIAN

TOP TEN

HONOURABLE MENTIONS

BEE A STEWARD	CEILI, MEHAR, ABI, & EMILY	FOUNDATIONS FOR THE FUTURE
PLASTIC TO PRIZE	ALYSSON & ELYSE	BONNYVILLE CENTRALIZED
PREVENTING BLACK KNOT	MADDEN, FAITH, JOELLE, QUINN, & AUBREE	CAMROSE COMPOSITE