

OPEN TO GRADES 7-12 ACROSS ALBERTA

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An area of land which funnels a network of rivers, wetlands, and human-made drainages into a larger waterbody. Watersheds provide clean water to agricultural, municipal, industrial and recreational uses, support natural soil processes and provide important wildlife habitat.

HEALTHY WATERSHED = HEALTHY COMMUNITIES = HEALTHY YOU

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO IMPROVE YOUR WATERSHED?

TAKE YOUR INTERESTS AND APPLY THEM!

Identify an environmental concern in your local watershed. Come up with a realistic solution then submit your idea as a proposal including a budget, visuals and project timeline. Finalists WIN CASH PRIZES for themselves and their school or club, with additional funding available to implement any realistic solution.

Solutions are judged on innovation and adaptability, impact potential, research and writing, budget, visuals, realistic solution, environmental literacy, and connection to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

*All entries are also eligible for a participation reward and implementation funding.

SCIENCE

Apply your knowledge of the natural environment to investigate how human activity impacts the health of your watershed. Explore topics in sustainability, recycling, pollution, land use, hydrology, conservation, and

SOCIAL STUDIES

Demonstrate your cultural and global citizenship. Engage with social justice, urbanization and other issues while thinking critically about an environmental concern. Develop communication and problem solving skills that will help you articulate your idea.

LANGUAGE ARTS

Pick up a pen, instrument, paintbrush or video camera and take action by bringing attention to an issue through your art! Learn how to write impactful proposals that can be presented to a city member or town council.

LEADERSHIP

Take this opportunity for your extracurricular group or outdoor education program to raise funds for implementation and give back!

MATH

Interested in statistics and data? Or are you more economically savvy? With every project proposal comes a budget!



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