

## Finalists Selected for Caring For Our Watersheds: Alberta Contest

**ALBERTA, APRIL 8, 2026** - Eleven student finalists have been selected in the Caring for Our Watersheds: Alberta contest, an environmental program that empowers youth to take action in their local watersheds. Finalists will present their project proposals at the Reynolds-Alberta Museum in Wetaskiwin, Alberta on May 22, 2026.

The contest challenges students to answer the question: *“What can you do to improve your watershed?”* Participants research their local watershed, identify a key environmental concern, and develop a realistic solution-focused project they can implement in their community.

This year, 388 students submitted proposals to support the health of watersheds across Alberta. Participants represent seven of the province’s 11 major watersheds: the Battle River, Beaver River, North Saskatchewan River, Red Deer River, Bow River, Oldman River, and South Saskatchewan River. In total, 12 schools and 18 teachers participated in the contest. Finalists represent schools in Bonnyville, Calgary, Cardston, Edmonton, Lloydminster, Medicine Hat, Okotoks, and Red Deer.

Finalists have the opportunity to win a cash prize as well as a matching amount for their school. There is an additional \$10,000 available to help all contestants implement their ideas.

Student proposals included developing watershed board games, installing storm drain filters, starting a student club to support watershed stewardship, planting gardens at their school, and raising awareness about aquatic invasive species. These projects showcase the creative ways that students have proposed to make a positive impact in their watersheds. Nine 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.

The Caring for Our Watersheds: Alberta contest started in 2007 through the Battle River Watershed Alliance, with support from the Battle River Community Foundation.

The Battle River Watershed Alliance extends its thanks to all students, teachers, judges, and volunteers who contributed to the success of this year’s contest.

To learn more about the contest, please visit [caringforourwatersheds.com](https://caringforourwatersheds.com)

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## FINALISTS

**Catch It Before the Pond**, Emma | *Glendale Sciences and Technology School*

**Clean Lines, Clean Shores**, Kade & Michael | *Crescent Heights High School*

**Falcon Flow State**, Haley, Isla, & Madison | *Foothills Composite High School*

**Honeybee Helpers**, Ivy & Pippa | *Cardston Junior High School*

**Nature's Engineers**, Kalia | *Nexminds.ai Youth Club*

**Project Rogue Gold**, Lee, Mace, & Oliver | *Bishop Lloyd Middle School*

**R3: Repair, Reuse, Restore**, Boden & Emma | *Bonnyville Centralized High School*

**Save the Drains**, Emily | *Suzuki Charter School*

**Teaching Our Future**, Mylo & Terrance | *Crescent Heights High School*

**Waste Away**, Becca | *Bishop Lloyd Middle School*

**Wetland Defence**, Eli, John, & Paul | *Trinity Christian School*

## HONOURABLE MENTIONS

**Arroser le jour, gaspiller toujours**, Breagh | *Crescent Heights High School*

**Every drop counts, even frozen ones**, Koda | *Crescent Heights High School*

**H.O.S.—Hooks over Stingers**, Annaliese & Sky | *Foothills Composite High School*

**Pipe Inspection Robot**, Atlin & Ty | *Joane Cardinal-Schubert High School*

**Ridding Our Ecosystems of Batteries**, Riley | *Glendale Sciences and Technology School*

**RiverBend: A Game for Watersheds**, Christopher, Kendra, Maia, & Temi | *Trinity Christian School*

**Safe to Spray**, Katie & Sylvie | *Crescent Heights High School*

**Watershed Mania**, Alrika | *Bishop Lloyd Middle School*

**Watts the problem**, Nevaeh | *Cardston Junior High School*