

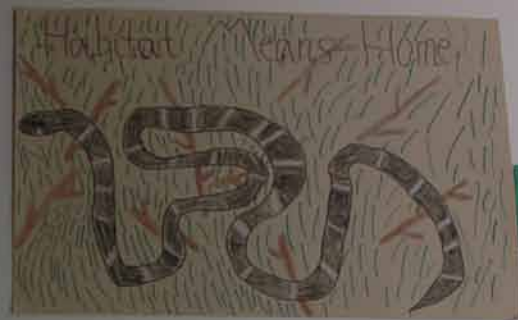


3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
Jaymie Cass  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade

The great egret looks very elegant and the white water lilies perfectly with the pond of blue water.

Because that the great egret is usually when water is shallow and before getting to water.

Why should we protect the habitat and resources? The better reason we should protect our water resources. It has been known it they are becoming scarce.



2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Kevin Lee  
1<sup>st</sup> Grade

I like to read the habitats of Coyote 1998 and 1999.

Responsible get to know from the fact that I follow with other studies, even other habitats. They can tell you get a collection without getting protection in the process.

Marjorie like some and importance and students, if possible we can see the habitat of the environment and I have a place to live.



1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Britta  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade

I believe that I should know the habitat because I can find it for many animals. I know that birds and other animals they can stay.

I learned that many new species live in Coyote 1998. I also learned many new animals like the mountain sheep, snowy owl, and the blue whale. These animals really are important.

We should protect these animals because the next generation can learn about these animals. We should also protect the habitat because the habitat is the animals' home. Without a habitat animals will become extinct.



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HABITAT MEANS HOME  
POSTER CONTEST

Habitat Means HOME

A New Poster Contest by K.S. Students In Focus

Co-sponsored by the Linn County Board of Education  
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Poster Contest Rules

1. All posters must be on a 12x18 inch sheet of paper.

2. Posters must be submitted by the deadline date.

3. Posters must be original work.

4. Posters must be clearly labeled with the student's name and grade.

5. Posters must be submitted to the contest judge.

6. The contest judge will select the winners.

7. The winners will be announced at the contest.

8. The winners will receive a certificate and a prize.

9. The winners will be invited to present their posters at the contest.

10. The winners will be invited to participate in a habitat project.

Contest Deadline: Wednesday, May 5, 2010, 4:00 p.m. All posters must be received at Linn County Board of Education by this date.



For the Habitat Means Home poster contest, students were asked three questions:

Why did you choose this habitat and species?

What is something interesting you have learned about the habitat or species you chose?

Why should we protect this habitat and species:

Here are some of their responses – in parentheses grade level and school:

(K – Grimmer)

- because I didn't know what else to draw
- I learned not to throw garbage in their homes.
- because they will get mad

(4 – Oliveira)

- I chose this species because I was interested in it.
- The natural is home, needs to be protected. Some of the animals that live there are very rare and some needs to be protected.
- We need to protect them because, if we don't protect them they will die. And we will no longer have them. And it might also affect us later on.

(5 – Oliveira)

- I did the marsh because they are beautiful and full of life. I did [*drew*] a snowy egret.
- I have learned that marshes clean the environment. I have also learned that snowy egrets are an important part in the food chain.
- You should protect it [*habitat/species*] because so many people today under appreciate nature and need to learn more about it.

(6 – Ardenwood)

- I chose this habitat and species because I think the kingsnake and the Cooper's hawk would belong in a woodland. I also thought that they go together.
- I learned that the common kingsnake is frequently kept as a pet. I also learned that Cooper's hawk was named after William Cooper, one of the founders of the American Museum of Natural History.
- We should protect this habitat because it is necessary to snakes and adds to the scenery. The species must be protected because they are living and can help show others what the earth looked like before man.

(6 – Ardenwood)

- I chose these habitats and species because the view seemed to be very beautiful and simple drawings that I don't have to waste all my time on.
- I learned that open water ponds mostly contain birds like on my poster, and other types probably don't live there all or are just rare.
- We should protect this habitat and species since it contains a wide variety of birds.

(6 – Ardenwood)

- I have great passion towards all environments and animals because they can sometimes support how you feel.
- There are a lot more birds roaming and ruling the skies than I had thought when I had visited Coyote Hills a few times.
- Because we, the humans, should share the responsibility and freedom with all living things so the world can remain as a safe life cycle filled with peace and no chaos.

(K – Grimmer)

- I chose the squirrel because it's fast.
- I learned it climbs on trees.
- Because we're supposed to.

(Ardenwood – 5)

- I chose these because grassy areas are being destroyed due to building and I chose the poppy because it is the state flower.
- The California poppy can grow 5-60 cm tall.
- It could become extinct and we wouldn't want to lose our state flower.

(5 – Mission Valley)

- I chose this habitat and species because the peregrine falcon is an apex bird of prey. I liked that it had enough to eat in the wetland.
- Something interesting about the peregrine falcon is that it is the fastest bird in the world. It can fly up to 200 miles per hour and is always very focused on what it is doing.
- We should protect the peregrine falcon because we should respect all creatures. These birds were saved from extinction, and without animals, life wouldn't be any fun at all.

(4 – Ardenwood)

- I chose this habitat and species because I saw them while walking through Coyote Hills [park].
- I learned that mallards sometimes make nests in trees.
- We should protect them because marshes are being drained and birds like the mallards lose a place to stay.

(K – Grimmer)

- because they are pretty
- I learned about the animals and they are pretty
- because if we throw garbage in the park the animals will die and we need to leave the park shiny and clean like gold.

(4 – Oliveira)

- I chose these habitats and species because I think they are important for our environment.
- For the Cal quail, I learned that the males and females are [look] different; downy woodpeckers are the smallest woodpeckers; raccoons thumbs are very useful for them; killdeer nest on open ground; blue-eyed grass (none); white pelicans catch fish in the huge bill pouches.
- We should protect them because if they die, in the next generation, we won't be able to see them and how beautiful they are!

(4 – Ardenwood)

- Ducks are losing their natural habitats because people are building houses on the marshlands. The ducks might become endangered.
- Ducks will build a nest anywhere they can find some water and food.
- Marshlands are feeding areas for migrating birds. Ducks could become endangered animals because they are losing their habitats.

(1 – Mission Valley)

- I like watching birds of different kinds. Grasslands have beautiful flowers, and I can see birds clearly.
- I learned the downy woodpeckers have black and white stripes on their heads.
- To hear the lovely bird songs and see the beautiful grass swaying in the wind.

(1 – Chadbourne)

- I chose South Marsh because this habitat provides food and shelter for many animals. I chose these birds and ducks because they are exotic.
- I learned that many rare species live in Coyote Hills. I also learned many new animals like the loggerhead shrike, snowy egret, and the pied-billed grebe. These animals beautify the environment.
- We should protect these species because the next generation can learn about these animals. We should also protect the habitat because the habitat is the animal's home. Without a habitat animals will become extinct.

(1 – Ardenwood)

- I like to visit the marshes at Coyote Hills and I like snakes.
- Kingsnakes got its name from the fact that it often eats other snakes, even other kingsnakes. They can kill and eat a rattlesnake without getting poisoned in the process.
- Marshes filter water and kingsnakes eat rodents. If houses are built near marshes the kingsnakes won't have a place to live.

(4 – Yumei’s Center for Artistic Inspiration)

- I chose this habitat and species, because raccoons have a beautiful and unique fur and color.
- I learned that raccoons are nocturnal meaning that they sleep during daytime and are awake at night.
- We should protect raccoons’ habitat, because people cut too many trees and it causes raccoons to live closer to cities. It’s more dangerous for us and them.

(5 – Chadbourne)

- I chose this habitat and species because they are all important to the Earth.
- All of these species have their own special characteristics that make the world a better place.
- We should protect the habitat and species to preserve the beauty of the world.

(2 – Mission Valley)

- I chose it because it looks very beautiful and peaceful, but it is really busy with birds and other animals. I chose the great egret because once one scared my puppy and I saw its huge wings.
- It is interesting how the great egret eats. First, it shuffles its feet along the bottom of the water to disturb the little creatures living there. Then it grabs them with its big beak.
- If we don’t protect our animals and their habitat, sooner or later humans will have no more peaceful places.