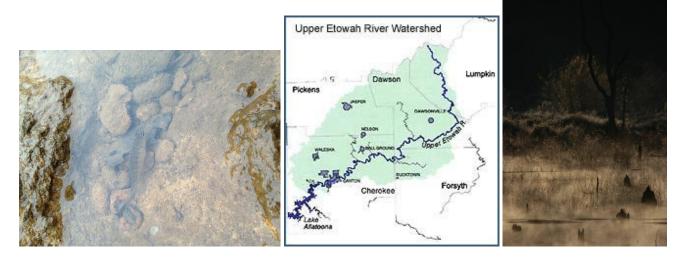


Cherokee County Student Contest Announcement

CCWSA is conducting a photography contest in which the photograph depicts "Plants & Animals Dependent Upon Our Water Resources". The contest is open to all Cherokee County students K-12 (including home school students).

The Etowah River is the source of the quality drinking water provided to CCWSA customers. Photographs must be taken within the Upper Etowah River Watershed (see map below). The drought not only affects drinking water supply but the needs of plants and animals. Think about photographs of plants and animals in/near a lake, pond or river (above water or underwater). Photograph animals such as deer, birds, turtles, fish and aquatic insects.



The photograph must be **original** and **taken by the student**. All entries must be in digital format. Digital effects and collages created by the student are accepted. Entries must be e-mailed to lori.forrester@ccwsa.com along with **title of picture**, **student's name**, **school** and **grade**, and an **explanation** (**50 words or less**) **of where/when the photograph was taken and how the plant and/or animal uses the water source.** Pictures without a title and/or the explanation will be disqualified.

Deadline for contest entries is February 17th, 2017. There will be a $K-6^{th}$ grade winner and a $7^{th}-12^{th}$ grade winner.

The winning photographs will be replicated and framed for display in the entrance of the CCWSA Main Office, and at the following CCWSA facilities: the Environmental Affairs office, the Rose Creek WRF, the Fitzgerald Creek WRF, the Etowah River WTF, and H. Q. Lathem Reservoir for one year.

The winning entries will receive a \$50 prize, as well as one framed 8 x 10 of their winning photo.

If you have any questions about the contest contact Lori Forrester – Environmental Affairs Specialist – @ 770-479-1813 ext. 246 or lori.forrester@ccwsa.com.