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## **Shiloh Middle School Student Represents Gwinnett County in Water Essay Contest**

Kelly Glennon, an eighth grade student at Shiloh Middle School, is the Gwinnett County winner in the seventh annual water conservation and water quality essay contest, sponsored by the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District (Metro Water District). The Metro Water District is a planning entity dedicated to developing comprehensive watershed, wastewater and water supply and water conservation plans to be implemented by local governments in the 15-county metro Atlanta region. The Clean Water Campaign and Water Use It Wisely are public education campaigns designed to educate and promote behavior changes in water conservation and water quality.

Kelly Glennon will be presented with her award at Shiloh Middle School on Friday, December 5, 2008. Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners Chairman Charles Bannister will present Kelly Glennon with the County Award. Chairman Bannister said, "Gwinnett County believes education is the key to protect and conserve Gwinnett County's water resources. We educate our communities through programs such as Adopt-A-Stream, storm drain stenciling and community workshops and events." Glennon's essay outlines a few examples Gwinnett County can contribute to preserve and protect their water supply. In her essay she said, "The government alone cannot solve the problem, it is ultimately up to the citizens in the community to be informed, responsible and involved when dealing with issues involving our water. The people must become familiar with local water resources and also learn ways to dispose of harmful household wastes, so they don't end up in sewage treatment plants that are unable to handle them, including landfills not designed to receive hazardous materials."

The two campaigns, Clean Water Campaign and Water Use It Wisely, teamed up to encourage children and parents to address the growing need to improve water quality and water conservation efforts in Georgia. Students researched and shared their thoughts on why conserving water and preventing water pollution are important for the future of their rivers, lakes and streams. The main goal of this program is to encourage students to create inventive solutions to water conservation and water quality in

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metro North Georgia.

The contest was open to sixth, seventh and eighth graders in Bartow, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Fulton, Forsyth, Gwinnett, Hall, Henry, Paulding, Rockdale and Walton Counties. Each participating school submitted its winning essay for the county competition, and one overall winner was selected among the county winners. The District Winner receives a \$100 check and County winners receive a \$25 check along with a certificate presented by a county representative.

To view the names of the winners, and read the winning essays please visit, the Clean Water Campaign website at [www.cleanwatercampaign.com](http://www.cleanwatercampaign.com).

**About the Campaigns**

The **Clean Water Campaign** ([www.cleanwatercampaign.com](http://www.cleanwatercampaign.com)) is a cooperative, multi-agency education initiative spearheaded by local governments in metro Atlanta, supported by the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District and managed by the Atlanta Regional Commission. Its mission is to build awareness of water quality problems and solutions in the 15-county District.

**Water- Use It Wisely** ([www.wateruseitwisely.com](http://www.wateruseitwisely.com)) is a program that educates consumers about simple water conservation measures. It is a multi-state program that is being sponsored in the metro Atlanta area by the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District.

**Shiloh Middle School** is located at 4285 Shiloh Road, Snellville, GA 30039. For more information about the school or student, please call 770-972-3224.

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