

Lower Loup NRD Education Program

Range Judging - host the Area IV contest (alternate with the Central Platte NRD), usually the largest area contest in Nebraska with approximately 350 to 400 participants annually, over 400 when hosting the state contest

Land Judging – host the North Central contest (alternate with four other NRDs - LLNRD hosts every other year because majority of schools are in this district), approximately 250-300 participants

Envirothon – co-host the Central region contests with Central Platte NRD at Central Community College in Grand Island and at Central Community College-Platte Campus in Columbus, now averages 20-25 teams of 4-5 students, held as part of the District Ag Education contests

Environmental Festival – hosted in Ord with other natural resources agencies, including Pheasants Forever, NRCS, and Nebraska Game & Parks, between 175 and 250 students annually

Children’s Groundwater Festival (Grand Island) – Lower Loup NRD provides annual donation and Schultz provides a session on the water cycle to 8 or 9 sessions of between 20 and 40 3rd-4th grade students. The session is called the Water Drop Relay

Scholarships – Scholarships are offered annually to various educational activities, including: 20 \$100 scholarships to Nebraska Youth Range Camp, 5 \$100 scholarships to Adventure Camp about the Environment (ACE), 4 \$250 scholarships to teachers in the NRD for trainings such as Project WET, Project WILD, Project Learning Tree, Food Land & People, and other natural resources based trainings

Classroom visits – Visits are scheduled based on teacher requests and cover any topic that a teacher might request