



2011 Write to Bike! ESSAY CONTEST

The Latah Soil and Water Conservation District would like to congratulate Luke Miller (Moscow Jr. High), Meadow Poplawsky (Moscow Jr. High), and Cassie Waisanen (Genesee School) for placing 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively in the Latah SWCD “Write to Bike!” essay contest. Luke was presented with the grand prize (Giant® bicycle with a retail value of \$380) and an award certificate at the Moscow Jr. High award assembly held June 3rd. Meadow and Cassie each received an award certificate and a \$50 gift certificate to Paradise Creek Bicycles.

The “Write to Bike” essay contest promotes

- the importance of writing
- the importance of being able to research a topic
- understanding the value of natural resources and methods to protect and preserve them
- riding bikes with the benefits of fun, fitness, and fuel-use reduction!

Forty entries were received. The 2011 theme was “Forests for People – More Than You Can Imagine.” Students identified the following benefits from forests: life, shade, carbon, food, oxygen, habitat for animals, habitat for people, medicines, recreational opportunities, a refuge for emotional health, jobs, clothing, lumber, paper products, firewood and other sources for heating, aesthetic value, species diversity, clean water, clean air, and last but not least—Christmas trees and baseball bats!!

Thanks to T Jay at Paradise Creek Bicycles for donating half the value of the bike, and to the Idaho Community Foundation for supporting Latah SWCD’s youth outreach program with a grant from their Northern Region Greatest Need Fund.



Luke and Meadow



Cassie with teacher JR Morrow and Latah SWCD staff Kari Schwendiman