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2009 "MAKE THE WATER CONNECTION" TV AD CONTEST

Stearns County and Sauk Rapids-Rice High School Students Invited to Enter

ST. CLOUD, MN — Now in the third year of its clean water campaign, the Central Minnesota Water Education Alliance (CMWEA) is calling for entries in the 2009 Make the Water Connection TV ad contest. Area high school students are invited to put their creative talents to work creating TV ads promoting simple ways everyone can help protect the water. This year, three \$1000 prize packages will be awarded, with each winning entry receiving \$700 for their school and a \$300 Gander Mountain gift card for the students.

Open to 9–12th grade students in Stearns County and Sauk Rapids, the contest calls for the creation of 30-second TV ads creatively promoting one of CMWEA's top ten water protection tips at www.mnwaterconnection.com. Students may enter individually, or in groups of up to four. Winners will be selected by a group of judges representing CMWEA, Charter Media, the St. Cloud Times, Thelen Advertising and others.

The deadline for contest entries is Thursday, April 16. Winners will be notified early in May, and recognized at the Official Ducky Awards event on Tuesday, May 12. Winners will be featured on the CMWEA and Charter cable public access channel 19. Contest details and entry forms are available online at www.mnwaterconnection.com.

CMWEA welcomes inquiries from any organization interested in supporting the clean water effort. To learn more, visit the *Make the Water Connection* website at www.mnwaterconnection.com

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