



2014 Oklahoma Arbor Week Poster Contest

Trees are Terrific ... in all shapes and sizes!

This year's contest is designed to increase knowledge about the importance of tree diversity in our community forest! Trees come in all shapes and sizes, producing a vast array of fruits, flowers, leaves and seeds. A diverse community forest is a healthier forest that attracts a variety of wildlife and is more visually stimulating. Awareness of the difference between tree species helps in selecting the proper tree to plant in a given location based on site conditions, temperature and soil. Increasing student awareness is the first step toward appreciation of a healthy, diverse community forest.

Poster Contest Objectives¹

1. Teach today's children-tomorrow's leaders-about the importance of trees in our lives.
2. Recognize childrens' creativity and show them how they can help the environment.
3. Provide Oklahoma educators with teaching materials about trees and their value in our environment.

Contest Details

Eligibility: All Oklahoma students in 5th grade are eligible to enter the poster contest.

Theme: Trees are Terrific ... in all shapes and sizes!

Official Contest Rules

1. **Eligibility:** All Oklahoma students in 5th grade are eligible to enter the poster contest. Each 5th grade classroom teacher may submit only one poster. Group posters are not acceptable. Only one poster per student.
2. **Originality:** Posters must be original. Copyrighted cartoon characters, TV figures and photographs are not acceptable.
3. **Medium:** Posters may be drawn in marker, crayon, colored pencil, paint pens, watercolor, ink, acrylic or tempera paint. Bright colors that reproduce well are best. No glitter, glued objects, tissue paper or any other type of add-ons.
4. **Presentation:** Posters may be on poster paper or drawing paper. The posters will not be accepted for judging if they are matted, framed or laminated. Posters must be flat and it is preferred that the posters not be folded.

¹Adopted from the Utah Arbor Day Poster Contest (www.ffsl.utah.gov/urban/arborday/postercontest)

5. **Size:** Posters cannot be smaller than 8 ½" x 11" and cannot be larger than 14" x 18". Oversized or undersized posters will not be accepted.
6. **Theme:** Include the theme, "Trees are Terrific ... in all shapes and sizes!" in the poster design. The theme must be free drawn and spelled correctly. Stencils, computer-generated text, clipart and press-on letters are not acceptable.
7. **Signatures:** Posters must be signed by the student in the lower right-hand corner on the front of the poster with the student's first and last name.
8. **Entry Forms:** Complete one Student Poster Entry Form and attach it to the back of **each** poster.
9. **Deadline:** Poster and attached entry forms must be postmarked by **November 29th, 2013**.
10. **Mail all posters with attached entry forms to:**

**Oklahoma Forestry Services
Arbor Week Poster Contest Committee
2800 N. Lincoln Blvd., OKC, OK 73105**

Posters will not be returned because of mailing costs. If you would like your school's posters back, you may pick them up after January 31st, 2014 at the Department of Agriculture in OKC. Posters will be discarded on March 31st, 2014.

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Prizes

- State 1st Place winner: \$100 savings bond, framed original poster, recognition and invitation to Oklahoma's Arbor Week Kickoff Luncheon at the Governor's Mansion, the winner's classroom teacher will receive a gift card, the winner's school will receive a tree to plant on their school grounds. Oklahoma's 1st place poster winner will be professionally printed and sent to schools and Arbor Week celebrations throughout the state.
- State 2nd Place winner: \$75 savings bond, framed original poster, recognition and invitation to Oklahoma's Arbor Week Kickoff Luncheon at the Governor's Mansion, winner's teacher will receive a gift card, and other prizes. Oklahoma's 2nd place poster winner will be featured on the Oklahoma Arbor Week Bookmark that will be professionally printed and sent to schools and Arbor Week celebrations throughout the state.
- State 3rd Place winner: \$50 savings bond, framed original poster, recognition and invitation to Oklahoma's Arbor Week Kickoff Luncheon at the Governor's Mansion, winner's teacher will receive a gift card, and other prizes. Oklahoma's 3rd place poster winner will be featured on the Oklahoma Arbor Week Bookmark that will be professionally printed and sent to schools and Arbor Week celebrations throughout the state.



2014 Oklahoma Arbor Week Poster Contest Entry Form

Student Information

Student's Name

Type here

Teacher's Name

Type here

Parent / Guardian

Type here

Student's Home Phone Number*

Type here

*This information will only be used to contact poster contest winners.

School Information

School

Type here

Mailing Address

Type here

City, Zip

Type here

School Telephone Number

Type here

Tape Entry Form to the Back of each Poster

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