2016 Oklahoma Arbor Week Poster Contest

Trees are Terrific ... inside and out!

This year's contest is designed to educate students' on how trees grow! Trees are everywhere in our daily lives. They exist in parks, schoolyards, and our backyards. While it seems like a simple process for a tree to grow, a tree actually has a very complex relationship with its habitat. Increasing students' awareness of the structural components of a tree and how these components help the tree function are an important step towards appreciation of trees and what they provide us.

Poster Contest Objectives

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 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade are eligible to enter the poster contest.

Theme: Trees are Terrific... inside and out!

Official Contest Rules

1. Eligibility: All Oklahoma students in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade are eligible to enter the poster contest. Each 3rd, 4th, and 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 that the posters not be folded.

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 acceptable.

6. Theme: Include the theme, "Trees are Terrific…inside and out!" 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. Judging: Each grade level will be judged separately by the Contest Committee. The top three posters from each grade will be entered in the statewide contest where 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places will be chosen.

9. Entry Forms: Complete one Student Poster Entry Form and attach it to the back of each poster.

10. Deadline: Poster and attached entry forms must be postmarked by December 11th, 2015.

11. 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, 2016 at the Department of Agriculture in OKC. Posters will be discarded on March 31st, 2016.

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Prizes

Student Prizes

1st, 2nd, 3rd place finalists in each grade will receive a class pizza party!

- **Overall State winner**: $100 cash prize, framed original poster, recognition and invitation to Oklahoma's Arbor Week Kickoff Luncheon, 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 cash prize, framed original poster, recognition and invitation to Oklahoma's Arbor Week Kickoff Luncheon, 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 cash prize, framed original poster, recognition and invitation to Oklahoma's Arbor Week Kickoff Luncheon, 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.

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Student Information

Student's Name:
Homeroom Teacher's Name:
Parent/Guardian:

School Information

School:
Mailing Address:
City, Zip:
School Telephone No.

Tape Entry Form to the Back of Each Poster

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For more information, visit:
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