

Dear Missouri Educator,

I am pleased to announce this year's **5th Grade Arbor Day National Poster Contest**. The information below gives details on how to enter and the numerous prizes you and your student could win. Please share this information with your 5th grade art and science teachers, and other teachers who may be interested in participating.

To download the contest materials including the Activities Guide, please visit the National Arbor Day Foundation's website at www.arborday.org/kids/postercontest/ or contact me and I'll be happy to email the pdf file to you or I will print the materials and put them in the mail to you.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or I can assist in any way. Also, if you know of other teachers who would like to be included in this email group, please forward their email address to me.

Thank you,

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2009 Arbor Day Poster Contest

*Brought to you by the Missouri Community Forestry Council,
Missouri Department of Conservation, and
Forest ReLeaf of Missouri*

"Trees Are Terrific ... and Energy Wise!" is the theme of this year's National Arbor Day Poster Contest for 5th grade students. The contest is sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation, and supported locally by the Missouri Community Forestry Council, Missouri Department of Conservation, and Forest ReLeaf of Missouri.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

All students currently in the fifth grade.

TO ENTER

Encourage your fifth grade students to design their poster to reflect the theme *"Trees are Terrific . . . and Energy*

Wise!" Posters must follow the contest rules listed below.

CHOOSING THE WINNERS

Each school must pick one poster to represent their school.

DEADLINE

You can choose the time that best fits your classroom schedule to have the students do the exercises and draw posters - it can be a fall or winter project. **You may submit your school's winning poster at any time, but no later than February 11, 2010.**

Please send your poster to:

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The posters will be judged in early March at the Missouri Community Forestry Council Annual Conference. The winner's teacher will be notified immediately.

PRIZES FOR EVERYONE!

All teachers who send in their school's winning poster will receive:

- Educational posters for the classroom.
- Arbor Day pencils to present to each student who drew a poster.
- Many other nice prizes.

PRIZES FOR WINNING TEACHER

The teacher of the state winner will receive:

- Educational resource materials from the National Arbor Day Foundation.
- The Department Conservation's 400-page book *Trees of Missouri*.
- Many other nice prizes.

PRIZES FOR WINNING STUDENT

The student who wins the state contest will receive:

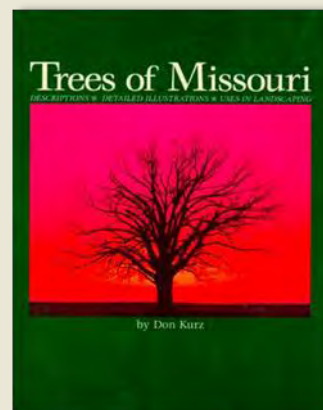
- A \$50 savings bond from Forest ReLeaf of Missouri.

- A commemorative tree will be planted on the school grounds or public property in the winner's community.
- A framed certificate honoring their achievement will be presented at the tree planting ceremony.
- The winning student, parents, and teachers may be invited to attend Governor Jay Nixon's signing of the Missouri Arbor Day Proclamation at the State Capitol in Jefferson City.

FURTHER QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please feel free to contact the Poster Contest Coordinator for Missouri at (573) 522-4115 x 3111 or donna.baldwin@mdc.mo.gov, or visit the National Arbor Day Foundation's website at

www.arborday.org/kids/postercontest/



Contest Rules

- ▶ All entries must be the original artwork created by a student currently in the 5th grade. A student may enter the contest only once.
- ▶ The student's first and last name must be **written** or **signed** in the lower right-hand corner on the front of the poster.
- ▶ Entries must be no smaller than 8½" X 11" and no larger than 14" X 18".
- ▶ Artwork may be done in marker, crayon, watercolor, ink, acrylic, colored pencil, or tempera paint. Computer or photo generated art and/or printing is not acceptable. Collages are not acceptable. Do not glue anything on the poster!
- ▶ Entries must be done on paper that will allow for duplication, display, and framing.
- ▶ The poster must be related to the contest theme in some way. The theme ***Trees are Terrific...and Energy Wise!*** must be on the poster. All words must be spelled correctly. Make the theme stand out!
- ▶ Avoid use of business names or logos.
- ▶ Teacher must complete the School Winner Report Form (found in the Activities Guide at www.arboday.org/kids/postercontest) and attach it to the back of the poster (this is the only item that can be attached to the poster). Do not send more than one poster!
- ▶ Entries must be mailed flat, and should not be matted, mounted, laminated, framed, or folded.
- ▶ Mail your school's winning poster by February 11, 2010 to: Donna Baldwin, Poster Contest Coordinator, PO Box 180, Jefferson City, MO 65102.

Tips to Create a Winning Poster

- The message delivered in the picture must reflect the theme and educational exercises.
- Keep the poster bold and colorful in design. Color drawings stand out better than pencil drawings.
- Make the theme “*Trees are Terrific...and Energy Wise!*” stand out and easy to read.
- Make sure the spelling is correct - misspelled words are not acceptable and the poster will be disqualified.
- The student must sign their poster in the lower right corner.
- Poster must be received by February 11, 2010 (late entries will be disqualified).

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