

POSTER- CONTEST

Grades 3, 4, & 5

ARBOR WEEK CONTEST THEME: TREES & WATER: SOURCES OF LIFE *ÁRBOLES Y AGUA: FUENTES DE VIDA*

ARBOR WEEK BACKGROUND

Celebrate California Arbor Week -- March 7-14! Arbor Day has been celebrated nationally since 1872 and California is one of the few states to celebrate with an entire Arbor Week. Your celebration can be simple: plant a tree in honor of your video contest winners, get older students to help younger students plant a tree, or use one of our classroom activities to get your students thinking about trees in new ways. Visit www.arborweek.org for more ideas on how you can celebrate California Arbor Week and events being held in your area.

HOW IT WORKS

The theme for the 2016 poster contest is "Trees & Water: Sources of Life" (*Árboles y Agua: Fuentes de Vida*). Encourage students to think about the variety of ways trees benefit their community and themselves. What do trees and water mean to your students? Each student will create a poster that reflects his or her understanding of the important roles trees and water play in cities and towns. Student posters must follow the contest rules below. Teachers and group leaders are responsible for selecting **one winner for each grade (3rd, 4th, & 5th) from their school or organization**. An award certificate you can use to honor your school's winner is available on our website. State Officials will then review the collected school winners to select a final statewide winner in each grade.

CONTEST RULES

- All entries must be original artwork created by a student who is currently in third, fourth, or fifth grade.
- **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 may be done in marker, crayon, paint pens, watercolor, ink, acrylic, colored pencil, and/or tempera paint. Collages, glue, computer- or photo-generated art, and printing are NOT acceptable.
- Entries must be no smaller than 8.5"x11" and no larger than 14"x18".
- Entries must be done on paper that will allow for duplication, display, and framing. Entries should NOT be matted, mounted, laminated, framed, or folded.
- The poster must be related to the contest theme in some way. The theme **Trees & Water: Sources of Life** must appear at some point in the video.
- Submit entries **along with entry form** (one entry per grade level per school or group) by mail to California ReLeaf by February 12, 2016.
- *Entries not meeting the contest rules will be disqualified.*

CONTEST PRIZES

A statewide winner will be chosen for each grade level.

Winners will receive:

- A \$100 check (mailed to their home)
- A printed copy of their design
- An award certificate

The winning artwork will be displayed on the California ReLeaf/CAL FIRE websites, and at the California State Fair.

Additionally, each statewide grade level winner's teacher or leader will receive a \$50 check.

**Questions? Contact us at
info@californiareleaf.org.**

This annual event is sponsored by California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), California Community Forests Foundation, & California ReLeaf.

2016 POSTER CONTEST WINNER REPORT FORM

After selecting a school winner (one for each grade level), complete a copy of this for and attach to the back of each of the winning grade level posters. Send only your school's winning posters to:

Arbor Week Poster Contest
California ReLeaf
2115 J Street Suite #213
Sacramento CA 95816

Winner's Grade Level: 3rd grade 4th grade 5th grade

Winner's Name _____

Winner's Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Winner's Parent or Guardian Name _____

Winner's Parent or Guardian Phone Number: _____

Teacher's Name _____

Teacher's Phone Number and/or Email Address: _____

School Name _____

School Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

School Phone _____

Important:

Please indicate the number of posters entered at this grade level for this school.

Number of students in this grade level at this school.

Has this school participated in the poster contest in the past?

All artwork becomes the property of California ReLeaf.