

# VIDEO CONTEST

## Grades 6, 7, & 8

## 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](http://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 video 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 short video that reflects his or her understanding of the important roles trees and water play in cities and towns. Student videos must follow the contest rules below. Teachers and group leaders are responsible for selecting **one winner for each grade (6th, 7th, & 8th) 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 videos created by a student who is currently in sixth, seventh, or eighth grade.
- **The file name must include the student’s first and last name. Example: “JohnSmithVideoContest.mov”.**
- Entries should be in horizontal (not vertical) format.
- Entries should be no longer than **30 seconds**.
- Entries should not contain names, logos, brands, or music.
- The video 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.
- Entries must be in one of the following digital video formats: AVI, MOV, MPG, or WMV.
- Submit video file entries **along with entry form** via email (one entry per grade level per school or organization) to [info@californiareleaf.org](mailto:info@californiareleaf.org) by February 12, 2016. *\*If you have trouble sending a video, contact us.*

### CONTEST PRIZES

A statewide winner will be chosen for each grade level.

#### **Winners will receive:**

- A \$100 check (mailed to their home)
- An award certificate

The winning videos will be displayed on the California ReLeaf/CAL FIRE websites and shared on social media.

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

**Questions? Contact us at  
[info@californiareleaf.org](mailto: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 VIDEO CONTEST WINNER REPORT FORM

After selecting a school winner for each grade level, complete one form for each winning entry and send to: [info@californiareleaf.org](mailto:info@californiareleaf.org)

Winner's Grade Level:      6th grade      7th grade      8th 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 videos entered or created at this grade level for this school.

Number of students in this grade level at this school.

All videos become the property of California ReLeaf.