

POSTER- CONTEST

Grades 3, 4, & 5

ARBOR WEEK CONTEST THEME: TREES ARE SUPERHEROES!

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 2017 poster contest is “Trees Are Superheroes!” Encourage students to think about the variety of ways that trees lend a hand in their everyday lives. What are all the ways that trees protect us and our communities? Learn more at <http://californiareleaf.org/whytrees/>! Each student should create a poster that reflects his or her understanding of the important roles trees play in cities and towns. Student posters must follow the contest rules below. Teachers and group leaders are responsible for selecting **one winner for their class or group**. An award certificate you can use to honor your school’s winner is available on our website. State Officials will then review all the submissions to select a final statewide winner in each grade. Get thinking trees and get creative!

CONTEST RULES

- All entries must be original artwork created by a California 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 Are Superheroes!** must appear somewhere on the poster.
- Submit entries **along with entry form** (one entry per class or group) by mail to California ReLeaf by February 14, 2017.
- *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 class winner, complete a copy of this form and attach to the back of the winning grade level posters. Send 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 _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Winner's Parent or Guardian Name _____

Winner's Parent or Guardian Phone Number: _____

Teacher/Leader's Name _____

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

School/Group Name _____

School/Group Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

School/Group Phone _____

Important:

Please indicate the number of posters created for this class or group.

Number of students in this grade level at this school or group.

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

All artwork becomes the property of California ReLeaf.