

9th Annual Poster Contest Grades 3, 4, & 5

California Arbor Week POSTER CONTEST THEME *I See Trees in My Future*

Poster Contest Information

California loves trees so much, that the state decided to dedicate an entire week to trees every spring! Every year, March 7 to 14 is honored as California Arbor Week and a time for Californians of all ages to celebrate the trees around them.

California ReLeaf leads the celebration with the annual Arbor Week poster contest. This contest invites 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders, through their classroom or another participating youth organization, to be a part of the fun. As an educator or youth leader, this is a great time to encourage youth to think about trees in new ways, by discussing this topic and then having the kids create a poster. Feel free to use the classroom activities offered at arborweek.org/for-educators/.

The 2019 theme is *I See Trees in My Future*. The future of the trees in your community depends on the vision and activism of this generation. It is important for kids to understand that planting and caring for trees today is not something that will provide immediate gratification, but is a heroic act for the future. Why are trees good for the planet and their neighborhood? How do trees make the students feel? What do they love most about trees in their neighborhood? When they grow up, how will they enjoy these same trees? Would they like their children to play under these trees? What can they do to help this happen? Learn more about all the benefits of trees at arborweek.org/get-involved/.

Each student should create a poster that reflects this year's theme. The posters must follow the contest rules in order to be eligible. You, as the teacher/leader, are responsible for selecting just **one winner from this class or group**. State officials review the submissions and select a final statewide winner for each grade level.

Each **Statewide Student Winner receives** a \$100 check and a printed poster (mailed to their home). The winning posters are displayed on the California ReLeaf and California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) websites and at the California State Fair in Sacramento. Additionally, each statewide grade-level winner's teacher receives a \$50 check.

Poster Contest Rules

- Must be original artwork created by a California student who is currently in third, fourth, or fifth grade.
- Collages, glue, photography, computer- or photo-generated art and printing are NOT acceptable.
- Must be between 8.5"x11" and 14"x18" and on paper that allows for duplication, display, and framing. Entry should NOT be matted, mounted, laminated, framed, or folded.
- Must be related to the contest theme in some way and the theme *I See Trees in My Future* must appear somewhere on the poster.
- **Student's first and last name must be written or signed** in the lower right-hand corner on the front of the poster.
- Submit entry **along with entry form** (one entry per class or group) by mail to California ReLeaf by **02/08/19**. All entries will become property of California ReLeaf and cannot be returned.

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Questions? Contact us at info@californiareleaf.org

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Submittal Form

After selecting a class/group winner, complete a copy of this form and attach to the back of the winning grade level posters.

Deadline is **February 8, 2019**. 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 _____

Address _____

City/ State _____ Zip _____

Winner's Parent Name & Phone Number: _____

Teacher/Leader's Name: _____

Teacher/Leader's Phone/Email: _____

School/Group Name: _____

School/Group Phone: _____

School/Group Address: _____

City/ State: _____ Zip: _____

Important:

- Please indicate the number of posters created for this class or group. _____
- Please indicate the number of students in this class or group. _____
- Has this teacher participated in this poster contest in the past? _____

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