



California Arbor Week 11th Annual Poster Contest

For California youth ages 5 to 12
Entries Due: Feb 5, 2021

Theme: Trees Invite Me Outside

Attention Young Artists: Each year California kicks off Arbor Week with a poster contest. California Arbor Week is an annual celebration of trees that always falls on March 7 to 14. Across the State, communities honor trees. You can participate too by thinking about the importance of trees and creatively sharing your love and knowledge of them in a piece of art. Any California youth age 5-12 can submit a poster.

The 2021 poster contest theme is **Trees Invite Me Outside**. We are all sick of being stuck inside. Learning from home is safe, yet it is kind of boring, and being on computers all day gets old. Fortunately, there is a whole world outside your window! Can you see any trees from your window? Do birds and other wildlife live in your neighborhood? Do you know of a tree that produces fruit you like to eat? Does your family go to a park, so you can play, hike, or run under trees? Have you ever climbed a tree? Did you know that trees are great science teachers - where you can learn about big topics like photosynthesis, carbon sequestration, and nematodes. Can you believe that just touching a tree, connects you to the natural world and can help reduce some of the stress you might feel? Have you ever noticed that after being outside, you feel calmer? We have learned that being around trees can help us concentrate, relax, and do better on schoolwork.



Think about how trees invite YOU outside and what that means to you - and make that into a poster!

A committee will review all submitted posters and select the statewide finalists. Each winner will receive a cash prize ranging from \$25 to \$100 as well as a printed copy of their poster. The top winning posters are unveiled at the Arbor Week press conference and will then be on the California ReLeaf and California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) websites and shared via social media channels.

Grown-ups:

For fun, tree-oriented science activities to do with kids, visit <https://arborweek.org/for-educators/>
For more information about the benefits of trees, visit <https://californiareleaf.org/whytrees/>



Arbor Week Poster Contest Guidelines

- Submittal must be original artwork created by a California youth ages 5-12.
- Artist's first and last name must be written or signed on the front lower right-hand corner of the poster.
- Poster must be related to the theme and the phrase "Trees Invite Me Outside" must appear somewhere on the poster.
- Artwork must be between 8.5"x11" and 14"x18" and on paper that allows for duplication.
- Entry should not be matted, mounted, laminated, framed, or folded.
- Submit entry along with **Entry Form** (below) by 02/02/21 via mail to California ReLeaf at the address provided below. All entries will become property of California ReLeaf and cannot be returned.
- If you are unable to mail the artwork to us, high quality digital replications (photographs or scans) are eligible. However, if the piece is selected as a finalist, the actual artwork will need to be arranged to be sent.

Questions? Contact us at arborweek@californiareleaf.org

Entry Form

*Please attach a copy of this form to the back of the poster.
 Entries must be postmarked by February 5, 2021.*

Send to:

A. Oliver/California ReLeaf Poster Contest
 PO Box 612
 Wheatland, CA 95692

Artist's Name		Age	
Artist's City (must be in California)			
Artist's School		Grade	
Grown-up's Name			
Grown-up's Phone or email			
How did you hear about this contest?			
If this student wins the competition, where should the check and printed poster be mailed?			