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## California Arbor Week 10th Annual Poster Contest

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**Entries Due: Feb 7, 2020**

### About the 2020 Poster Contest

California ReLeaf kicks off the statewide Arbor Week celebration with an annual poster contest. This contest invites 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade classrooms and youth organizations to be a part of the Arbor Week fun. As an educator or youth leader, it is a great time to encourage students to think about trees in new ways by discussing this topic and having the kids create a poster.

The 2020 theme is **Trees Create COOL Communities**. Have you noticed how heat radiates off blacktop and buildings on hot days? Why do you think cities take a long time to cool off at night? How do trees help keep us cool? Imagine what your school or neighborhood would be like with more trees. With these questions and more, get your students thinking critically and creatively, and engaged on how science, climate change, activism, and community planning affect their daily lives. The posters they create are then an opportunity for them to express what they've processed and learned.

**TREES CREATE  
COOL  
COMMUNITIES**

Each student should create a poster that reflects this year's theme. **As the teacher/leader, you are responsible for selecting the top winners from this class/group up to five posters per class/group can be submitted.** 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. 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.

For more information, resources, and classroom activities, visit <https://arborweek.org/for-educators/>

For more information about the benefits of trees, visit <https://californiareleaf.org/whytrees/>

### Poster Contest Rules

- Collages, glue, photography, computer- or photo-generated art and printing are ineligible.
- 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.
- Image must be related to the contest theme in some way and "Trees Create COOL Communities" must appear somewhere on the poster.
- Must be original artwork created by a California student who is currently in third, fourth, or fifth grade.
- 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 (up to five entries per class or group) by mail to California ReLeaf by 02/07/20. All entries will become property of California ReLeaf and cannot be returned.

Questions? Contact us at [info@californiareleaf.org](mailto:info@californiareleaf.org)



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## Entry Form

*After selecting a class/group winners, complete a copy of this form and attach to the back of the winning grade level posters. Entries must be postmarked by February 7, 2020.*

### Send to:

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

Student's Grade Level (Circle One):      3rd grade      4th grade      5th grade

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher/Leader's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher/Leader's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School/Group Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School/Group Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

School/Group Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

How many posters were created by this class or group? \_\_\_\_\_

How many students are in this class or group? \_\_\_\_\_

Has this teacher previously participated in this poster contest?      Yes      No

If this student wins the statewide competition, where should the check and printed poster be mailed?

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