

8th Annual Poster Contest Grades 3, 4, & 5

Celebrate California Arbor Week – March 7-14, 2018

ARBOR WEEK CONTEST THEME:

Healthy Trees, Healthy Me!

Poster Contest Background

National Arbor Day started in 1872, but California is one of the few states to celebrate trees with an entire Arbor Week. It is a time for Californians of all ages to applaud the trees around them. This contest invites 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders to be a part of the fun. As an educator, this is a time to get your students to think about trees in new ways. Feel free to use some of the classroom activities offered at our arborweek.org.

This year's theme is **Healthy Trees, Healthy Me!** This timely topic focuses on both the direct health benefits from trees AND the importance of keeping trees healthy. Encourage students to think about ways they can lend a hand to keep trees healthy and how trees keep us healthy. What are some of the challenges trees face today? Would your community be healthy if there were no trees? Learn more about topics such as the benefits of trees, trees & drought, pests & diseases, at californiareleaf.org/resources.

Each student should create a poster that reflects how the theme **Healthy Trees, Healthy Me!** affects them and their community. The posters must follow the contest rules. Entries that do not meet the contest rules will be disqualified. Teachers are responsible for selecting just **one winner from their class or group**.

State officials will review the submissions and select a final statewide winner in each grade level.

Statewide Student Winners will receive:

- A \$100 check and a printed Copy of their design (mailed to their home).
- Posters will be displayed on the California ReLeaf and CAL FIRE websites and at the State Fair.

Additionally, each statewide grade-level winner's teacher will receive a \$50 check.

Poster Contest Rules

- Entry 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.
- Entry must be between 8.5"x11" and 14"x18" and must be on paper that will allow for duplication, display, and framing. Entry should NOT be matted, mounted, laminated, framed, or folded.
- Entry must be related to the contest theme in some way and the theme **Healthy Trees, Healthy Me!** 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 02/14/18. All entries will become property of California ReLeaf and cannot be returned.

This annual event is sponsored by California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), PG&E, and California ReLeaf.

Questions? Contact us at info@californiareleaf.org.

2018 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. Deadline is February 14, 2018. 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 Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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

School/Group Name _____

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? _____

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