



# Arizona Arbor Day

## K-12 POSTER CONTEST



# "A Special Tree to Me"

We are excited to invite Arizona Youth to participate in our 2024 Arbor Day Poster Contest! This year's contest theme "A Special Tree to Me" is intended to celebrate our relationships and connections to trees in our everyday lives.



Trees are all around us and play a key role in our communities - everyday! They provide benefits such as clean air and water, habitat for wildlife, food, shade, and so much more. They can also contribute to a family tradition like harvesting nuts or fruit for a special occasion, act as a landmark on a familiar route home, and create welcoming spaces for solitude, recreation, and gathering. Trees invite us to go outside and connect with the world around us.

Maybe it's the birds you like to watch, the campfire you gather around, or the fruit pie you like to eat - we wouldn't have these without trees! We invite you to share a tree, memory, or connection to trees that is special to you.



**Submit posters by March 6th, 2024!**

# Arbor Day 2024 K-12 Poster Contest Rules and Guidelines

**Deadline:** Entries must be postmarked by **Wednesday, March 6th**. Winners will be notified in April.

**Completed Posters should be mailed to:** UCF Poster Contest

Department of Forestry and Fire Management

1110 West Washington Street, Ste. 500

Phoenix AZ 85007

**Theme:** A Special Tree to Me

**Eligible Participants:** Arizona youth, grades K-12. Posters will be judged based on grade level, and prizes will be awarded to the top three posters in each group (K-12, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12) and to the teachers of First Place winners in each group.

**Poster Size:** Maximum of 12" x 16"; there is no minimum size. Only one poster per participant may be submitted.

**Total # of Posters:** Teachers: If you have a high number of posters (e.g. more than 50), please select only the top posters that fit the theme of the contest for submission.

- Posters will be judged on originality, design, slogan, artwork, and relationship shown between individuals, communities and trees. Any slogans should be clear, brief, and positive.
- Artwork should be original and wording may be computer-generated or hand-written. Organization/agency logos and copyright characters may not be used. Posters become the property of the Department of Forest and Fire Management and will not be returned. Posters may be used for publicity purposes.
- Any media may be used – paint, crayon, colored pencil, charcoal, stickers, paper, digital or other materials that lie flat and can travel through the mail without damage.
- **In order to be eligible, the following information must be legibly written or typed on the back of the poster: Participant's name, grade, age, school, school phone number, school address, teacher's name, teacher's email.** If you are doing school at home, provide home email and address. If posters are missing information, they cannot be judged.
- Parents and teachers are encouraged to do their own research on the history of Arbor Day and lifecycle of trees to share their findings with the youth participating in the poster contest.
- Winners from previous Arbor Day Poster Contests are not eligible to win first place more than once, but are encouraged to participate.

