TREES MAKE ME HAPPY!

Arbor Day Poster Contest

We are excited to invite Arizona youth in grades K-12 to participate in our "Trees Make Me Happy" poster contest! This year's contest is intended to highlight how trees help get you through a challenging time.

The global pandemic that began in 2020 brought challenges and emotions to each of us in different ways. Many people spend time outside to help them feel better when they are stressed. In what ways did trees and nature help you feel better during this time of uncertainty? Share with us some things you do in nature anytime you feel anxious, sad, or scared that bring you joy or comfort.

The benefits of trees are endless and we want to highlight how they make you happy through your unique and beautiful artwork! Prizes will be awarded and mailed to the top three winners in four age group categories.

RULES

Entry Deadline: Entries must be postmarked by Monday, March 8, 2021. Winners will be notified by May 10.

Completed Posters should be mailed to:

UCF Poster Contest
Department of Forestry and Fire Management
1110 West Washington Street, Ste. 100
Phoenix AZ 85007

Theme: Trees Make Me Happy

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-2, 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 (1) poster may be submitted per participant.

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 Forestry 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 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 mental health benefits of trees and share their findings with the youth participating in the poster contest.