

Trees are Terrific...And Energy Wise!

**Poster Contest Submissions Accepted Now Through February 26th, 2010
Deadline is end-of-business, 5:00 p.m. (Central Time) February 26th, 2010**

Dear Fifth Grade Teacher,

The South Dakota Department of Agriculture – Division of Resource Conservation and Forestry and The Arbor Day Foundation invite you to enhance your curriculum and integrate learning goals by participating in the annual Arbor Day Poster Contest.

An inter-disciplinary curriculum guidebook has been designed to correlate with all state and federal educational standards. The *“Trees are Terrific... And Energy Wise!”* guidebook provides all the necessary information, classroom exercises, and assessment guidelines you need to educate your students about the benefits of trees and their inherent value to communities, people, and environmental health. Once your students experience the coursework, they have the opportunity to demonstrate their understanding of the concepts by creating an interpretive poster and participating in the contest.

The curriculum guide incorporates principles of science, language arts, civics, and art into a fun, hands-on lesson plan that your students are sure to enjoy. Prizes will be awarded and recognition provided for the students who place first, second, and third at both the state and national levels (see reverse side for details). We encourage you, your fellow fifth grade teachers, and your school’s art teacher to participate in this fun and educational program.

If you or your colleagues are interested in receiving the *“Trees are Terrific...And Energy Wise!”* curriculum guidebook, or have any questions regarding the contest, please contact:

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Arbor Day Poster Contest: State Level

Only one "School Winner" from each school shall be submitted. All posters submitted must adhere to the contest rules (page 23 of the guidebook) to avoid being disqualified. There is no specific procedure for selection of your school's winner. If you would like suggestions, contact Chris Johnson at chris.johnson@state.sd.us or 1-800-228-5254.

At the state level, a panel of judges representing natural resources, education, communications, and the arts will be convened to select the first, second, and third place winners.

State Prizes!

First Place Prizes:

- \$200 Savings Bond
- Special recognition and poster distributed across the state and country
- A professionally matted copy of the poster
- Winning student's teacher gets \$100 for supplies for the classroom

Other prizes:

- Second place receives \$150 savings bond
- Third place receives \$100 savings bond

Arbor Day Poster Contest: National Level

National Prizes!

First Place Prizes:

- The national winner, his or her parents, and the teacher of the winning student receive an expense-paid trip to the National Awards Weekend at Lied Lodge & Conference Center in Nebraska City, NE, April 30 – May 2nd, 2010.
- \$1000.00 savings bond
- Lifetime Membership to the National Arbor Day Foundation
- Framed copy of student's poster
- Teacher receives \$200.00 for classroom materials
- A tree is planted in the winner's honor

Second Place Prizes:

- \$500.00 savings bond
- Teacher receives \$100.00 for classroom materials
- A tree is planted in the winner's honor

Third Place Prizes:

- \$250 savings bond
- Teacher receives \$50.00 for classroom materials
- A tree is planted in the winner's honor