



UTAH ARBOR DAY POSTER CONTEST RULES

1. **Eligibility:** All Utah students in grades K-6 and Special Education are eligible to enter their schools' poster contest. Each school may submit only one poster per grade, K-6 and Special Ed*, to the State Arbor Day Contest. Group posters are not acceptable. Only one poster per student.
2. **Originality:** Posters must be original. Copyrighted cartoon characters, TV figures and photographs are not acceptable.
3. **Medium:** Posters may be drawn in marker, crayon, colored pencil, paint pens, watercolor, ink, acrylic or tempera paint. Bright colors that reproduce well are best. No glitter, glued objects, tissue paper or any other type of add-ons.
4. **Presentation:** Posters may be on poster paper or drawing paper. The posters will not be accepted for judging if they are matted, framed or laminated. Posters must be flat and it is preferred that the posters not be folded or rolled.
5. **Size:** Posters cannot be smaller than 8.5" x 11" and cannot be larger than 14" x 18". Oversized or undersized posters will not be accepted.
6. **Theme:** Include the theme, "**Trees are Terrific for Our Health and Happiness!**" in the poster design. The theme must be free drawn and spelled correctly. Stencils, computer-generated text, clipart and press-on letters are not acceptable.
7. **Signatures:** Posters must be signed by the student in the lower right-hand corner on the front of the poster with the Student's first and last name.
8. **Entry Forms:** Complete one School Report Form and also complete a Poster Entry Form and attach it to the back of each poster. (Photocopy one official Poster Entry Form for each student's poster)
9. **Posters will not be automatically returned.** If you would like your school's posters back, you may pick them up at the State Forestry Office in Salt Lake City or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope large enough to hold your posters and we will mail them back to you. Posters **will be discarded on June 30, 2016.**
10.  **Optional Supplemental Essay Component:** Essay should explore the Arbor Day Contest theme and explain the student's vision and perspective as it relates to each poster. Essay must be between 50 – 150 words. Essay may be typed or hand written (adult assistance with typing is acceptable). The essay must be attached to each student's poster.
11. **Judging Criteria:** A panel of environmental educators will select the winning posters based on creativity, connection to the theme, and relevance of essay.

POSTER ENTRY DEADLINE: MARCH 21, 2016

*Special Education is defined as: Intellectually handicapped students in self-contained classrooms. No resource students permitted in this category. Special Ed students are encouraged to follow the rules, but not required.