



Maryland Association of
Forest Conservancy District Boards



2017 Statewide Poster Contest Fifth Grade

To: Maryland Public Schools Boards
CC: Principals
Fifth Grade Teachers
Art Teachers

Subject: Arbor Day Poster Contest

Date: December 9, 2016

The Maryland Forest Service, in partnership with the Maryland Forest Conservancy District Boards, is sponsoring a "Poster Contest" for 5th grade classes throughout the State of Maryland. The theme for the poster is: **Trees Are Terrific....and Energy Wise!**

The State of Maryland is offering the following prizes: to top statewide level winners; 1st prize (a tree planting at your school with 15 trees), 2nd prize (a tree planting at your school with 10 trees) and 3rd prize (a tree planting at your school with 5 trees).

All posters are due to the county's MD Forest Service Office no later than 12:00 p.m. on February 24, 2017. The address for your local office is attached listed by county or can be found here: dnr.maryland.gov/forests/Pages/county-map.aspx Posters will be judged on a county level and then submitted to the Maryland Urban and Community Forestry Committee (MUCFC) to compete at the statewide level.

Attached is a flyer that can be hung up or passed out at schools with all of the contest rules on the back. *There is also an activity guide that can be used to assist teachers in tying together curriculum lessons and the contest theme.* Please note that a Release Form (found attached to this letter and online) must be filled out and attached to the back of every poster entry.

Winners' teachers will be notified directly by March 24, 2017.

We welcome any and all comments on this program and we are open to any improvements you may suggest.

If you have any questions about the contest, please contact Anne Gilbert at 410-260-8510 or anne.gilbert@maryland.gov

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Donald Van Hassent'.

Don Van Hassent
Director / State Forester

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jim Bardsley'.

Jim Bardsley
President
Maryland State Forestry Boards Association



Tawes State Office Building • 580 Taylor Avenue • Annapolis, MD 21401
410.260.8DNR or toll free in Maryland 877.620.8DNR • dnr.maryland.gov • TTY users call via Maryland Relay



Maryland Forest Service Poster drop-off locations by county.

Alleghany County

14110 Pleasant Valley Road
Flintstone, MD 21530
(301) 777-5835

Anne Arundel County

8023 Long Hill Road
Pasadena, MD 21122
(410) 360-8421

Baltimore County and City

Cub Hill Ranger Station
9405 Old Harford RD
Baltimore, MD 21234
(410) 665-5820

Calvert County

6904 Hallowing Lane
Prince Frederick, MD 20678
(410) 535-1303

Caroline County

Upper Shore Project
Martinak State Park
105 Deep Shore RD
Denton, MD 21629
(410) 479-1623

Carroll County

Greenway Gardens
328-A East Nicodemus RD
Westminster, MD 21157
(410) 848-9290

Cecil County

Black Hill Ranger Station
130 McKinneytown RD
North East, MD 21901-5506
(410) 287-5777

Charles County

The Bhaduri Building
Maple Avenue
P.O. Box 2746
LaPlata, MD 20646
(301) 934-2543

Dorchester County

4329 Golden Hill RD
Church Creek, MD 21622
(410) 228-1861

Frederick County

8602 Gambrill Park RD
Frederick, MD 21702
(301) 473-8417

Garrett County

1728 Kings Run RD
Oakland, MD 21550
(301) 334-3296

Harford County

2 S. Bond Street
Suite 101
Bel Air, MD 21014
(410) 836-4579

Howard County

17400 Annapolis Rock RD
Woodbine, MD 21797
(410) 442-2080
(301) 854-6060

Kent County

120 Broadway Avenue
Centreville, MD 21617
(410) 778-4439;
(410) 819-4120

Montgomery County

17400 Annapolis Rock RD
Woodbine, MD 21797
(301) 854-6060
(410)442-2080

Prince George's County

8023 Long Hill Road
Pasadena, MD 21122
(410) 360-8421

Queen Anne's County

120 Broadway Avenue
Centreville, MD 21617
(410) 778-4439
(410) 819-4120;

Somerset County

10990 Market Lane
Princess Anne, MD 21853
(410) 651-2004

St. Mary's County

Carter Building
23110 Leonard Hall Drive
Leonardtown, MD 20650
(301) 880-2747

Talbot County

Martinak State Park
105 Deep Shore RD
Denton, MD 21629
(410) 479-1623

Washington County

14038 Blairs Valley RD
Clear Spring, MD 21722
(301) 791-4733

Wicomico County

Powellville Work Center
6095 Sixty-Foot RD
Parsonsburg, MD 21849
(410) 543-1950

Worcester County Office

10990 Market Lane
Princess Anne, MD 21853
(443) 235-1636

Maryland State Arbor Day Poster Contest

**2017 Theme:
“Trees are Terrific
and Energy Wise!”**

Would you like to win a tree planting for your school? Enter Maryland’s 2017 Arbor Day Poster Contest! 1st, 2nd and 3rd place participants will win a tree planting for their school this spring! See reverse for more information.



5th GRADE POSTER CONTEST RULES

1. Students must complete and attach the Release Form to the back of the poster using tape only.
2. This poster contest is only for fifth grade students, they can be from public or private schools. All entries must be original artwork. A student may enter the contest only once.
3. Entries may be done in marker, crayon, paint pens, watercolor, ink, acrylic, regular/colored pencil, and/or tempera paint.
4. Collages are not acceptable. (Do not glue anything on your poster.)
5. Computer or photo generated art and/or printing is not acceptable.
6. Entries should not display the names of commercial products, companies, or organizations.
7. Entries must be done on paper with sufficient clarity to allow for duplication, display, and framing.

8. Poster size must be between 8.5" x 11" and 22" x 28".

9. The poster must be related to the contest theme in some way. The theme category must be on the poster. All words must be spelled correctly.

10. Entries should not be matted, mounted, laminated, framed, or folded.

11. Each county will have a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winner. The 1st place winner will go on to compete and the statewide level. There will be **three statewide winners** awarded the following prizes:

1 st prize	A tree planting at your school with 15 trees
2 nd prize	A tree planting at your school with 10 trees
3 rd prize	A tree planting at your school with 5 trees

12. Entries are due to your county's MD Forest Service office by 12:00 p.m. on February 24, 2017 to be eligible for judging. The address for your local office can be found here:

dnr.maryland.gov/forests/Pages/county-map.aspx

****Winners will receive notification by March 24, 2017****

Science & Art teacher collaboration encouraged

MDFS staff invite your feedback on the 2017 Poster Contest activities. Feel free to mail your constructive comments to:

MD Department of Natural Resources, Forest Service
Attn: Anne Gilbert
580 Taylor Ave, E-1
Annapolis, MD 21401
or via email to: anne.gilbert@maryland.gov

POSTER ENTRY DEADLINE: 12:00 p.m. on February 24, 2017

Due to your MD Forest Service Office:

dnr.maryland.gov/forests/Pages/county-map.aspx

RELEASE FORM: Please Print Clearly
Tape this form to the back of each poster

Student's Name: _____
(Please Print Clearly)

Home Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

School: _____

Teacher: _____

School's Phone: _____

Teacher email (optional): _____

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS POSTER WAS CREATED ENTIRELY BY THE STUDENT ABOVE AND IS THE STUDENT'S ORIGINAL ARTWORK. I AGREE THAT IT MAY BE OFFERED FOR PUBLIC DISPLAY OR PUBLICATION AT SOME TIME DURING OR AFTER THE CONTEST. I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS POSTER BECOMES THE PROPERTY OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND AND MAY BE REPRODUCED. THE ONLY INFORMATION THAT WILL BE RELEASED IS THE STUDENT'S NAME, GRADE AND HOMETOWN.

Signature of Student

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Print Name

Print Name

Date _____

Date _____

*** Attach this form to the back of each poster using only tape***