

# National Arbor Day Foundation



*Leading statewide efforts to preserve, renew, and enhance community forests.*

Dear Fifth Grade Educator:

You and your students are invited to participate in the 2008 Arbor Day National Poster Contest sponsored by the *Colorado Tree Coalition*, the *National Arbor Day Foundation*, and *Toyota Motor Corporation*.

Encourage your students to design an original poster depicting the 2008 Contest theme *Trees are Terrific...inside and out!* The activity guide contains activities that correlate with National Science Standards and Art Education Achievement Standards for fifth grade. There are hands-on activities to teach your students how trees grow and function and supplements science units on plants and systems. Each student's poster can also provide an alternative assessment opportunity for your classroom.

***Please read the contest guidelines in the activities guide (and on the back of this letter) carefully. Only posters that meet guidelines will be eligible.***

School winners will be eligible to compete in the State Contest. The Colorado State Winner receives special recognition locally and at the Colorado Tree Coalition Annual Awards Banquet. The State Winner also competes Nationally. All school winning posters are displayed at the Colorado State Capitol and all school winners and teachers receive great prizes!

***Please mail your school's winning poster to: Poster Contest Coordinator, c/o Colorado State Forest Service, 208 Santa Fe Avenue, Suite #21, La Junta, CO 81050. We will accept posters anytime up until the Colorado deadline – March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008.***

For more information or support, check out [www.arborday.org](http://www.arborday.org) or [www.coloradotrees.org](http://www.coloradotrees.org). You can also contact me directly at [dodavis@lamar.colostate.edu](mailto:dodavis@lamar.colostate.edu), or by phone 719-384-9087 or fax 719-384-9700.

I wish the best of luck for all your students! Let's keep our fingers crossed and hope your school wins the 2008 honor!

Sincerely,

Donna Davis, Poster Contest Coordinator  
Colorado Tree Coalition

Use this checklist to make certain all entries are eligible for judging. Entries not meeting these guidelines will be disqualified.

1. All entries must be original artwork created by a student who is currently in the fifth grade. A student may enter the contest only once.
2. The Student's first and last name must be written or signed in the lower right-hand corner on the front of the poster.
3. Entries may be done in marker, crayon, watercolor, ink, acrylic colored pencil, and/or Tempera paint.  
Collages are not acceptable. (Do not glue anything on your poster.)  
Computer or photo generated art and/or printing is not acceptable.
4. Entries must be no smaller than 8½ x 11" and no larger than 14 x 18".
5. Entries must be done on paper that will allow for duplication, display, and framing.
6. The poster must be related to the contest theme in some way. The theme Trees are Terrific...and forests are too! Must be on the poster. All words must be spelled correctly and in upper/lower case as shown.
7. Entries should not be matted, mounted, laminated, framed, or folded.
8. Submit entry by designated deadline – Colorado March 7, 2008 (or any time before March 7, 2008).