



Dear Educator,

(TRUMPET SOUNDS) The Colorado Tree Coalition (CTC) is thrilled to announce the launch of the 2024 Arbor Day Poster Contest, inviting 5th graders from all public, private, and home-school settings across the state to showcase their artistic talents. This competition not only promotes creativity but also aims to elevate awareness and appreciation for the vital role that community trees play in sustaining our environment and enhancing our overall quality of life. We look forward to witnessing the imaginative expressions of young minds as they visually celebrate the significance of trees in our communities. **Our 2024 theme is Trees for Wildlife Habitat.**

This year the grand prize-winning student will receive a **prize package worth over \$2,500** including professionally framed original artwork of their winning poster and other supplemental prizes. Once the grand prize winner is selected, they will be notified and there will be a recognition ceremony to celebrate their achievement. The winning student's teacher, principal, family members, Colorado State Forest Service representatives, contest sponsors, Colorado Tree Coalition members and members of the community will all be invited to participate in the celebration.

All winning posters from each school will be on display at the Denver Botanical Gardens (DBG) between 4/16-5/4. The first (20) submissions will receive (4) FREE passes to DBG to be held at will-call during this timeframe.

Entries may be submitted in person or mail to:

City of Lakewood Forestry Department
Attn: Luke Killoran
2775 S. Estes St.
Lakewood, CO 80227

Deadline for submitting the posters is March 29, 2024.

Please contact me with any further questions.

Luke Killoran
CTC Poster Contest Coordinator
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2024 CONTEST RULES

The 2024 contest theme is *Trees for Wildlife Habitat!*

Deadline for submitting posters is March 29, 2024. Please note that all posters must be received before this date. Any poster received after this day may not be included in the contest.

Theme Design Guidelines

Students will create a poster that reflects their ideas of “Trees for Wildlife Habitat” and the important role they play in the environment and in our quality of life.

Eligibility Requirements

Fifth grade students residing in Colorado.

Submission Requirements

- **ONLY one poster per school shall be submitted.** Each school/classroom is to decide on the best poster for the entire school. The individual winner should then be submitted to the contest.
- One entry per student.
- Must be original artwork created by a 5th grade student.
- Entries should be done on 12” x 18” paper or as close as possible to that size.
- The poster must relate to the contest theme. **“Trees for Wildlife Habitat” must be on the poster;** all words must be legible and spelled correctly.
- Entries may be done in marker, crayon, paint pens, watercolor, ink, acrylic, colored pencil, and tempera paint.
- Entries must be done on paper, which allows for duplication, display, and framing.
- **ALL of the following information must be printed on the back of the poster:** student’s full name, grade, school, teacher’s name, phone number, and email.
- Please **avoid** rolling artwork and keep posters as flat as possible during shipping.

Special Note: *Entries become the property of the Colorado Tree Coalition and may not be returned.*

Not Accepted

- Collages. Please do not glue anything on your poster.
- Computer or photo-generated art and printing.
- Matted, mounted, laminated, framed, or folded entries.
- Names of commercial products, companies or organizations should not be displayed.
- Artwork completed by more than one artist.

STATEWIDE PRIZE CATEGORIES



Winning Student

- Gift cards totaling up to \$2,500*
*This amount is subject to change based on IF the winner is traveling a significant distance to DBG for the award ceremony. Part of the prize money will go towards hotel and accommodations.
- Professionally framed poster of original artwork.
- Recognition at the Denver Botanical Gardens between 4/16-5/4. The student's teacher, principal, family members, Colorado State Forest Service members, contest sponsors, and Colorado Tree Coalition representatives, and other community members are all invited to participate.

Winning Teacher

- Recognition at the Denver Botanical Garden, along with the student and his/her family members.
- Free access code for a Project Learning Tree [online professional development training](#) of your choosing.
- \$250 gift card for art supplies.

Pictured is the 2023 First Place Winner, Fidaa Hamed and her artwork at DBG.





2023 Colorado Arbor Day Poster Contest

Artwork by:
Fidaa Hamed
5th Grade
Charles Hay World School
Englewood, CO

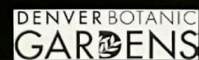
Kate Dulaney, Art Teacher

State Winner
Colorado Arbor Day
Poster Contest

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All poster submittals will be on display at Denver Botanic Gardens with an award and recognition ceremony to be held in April 2024.

CLASS ACTIVITIES:



Project Learning Tree

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- Check out [Trillions of Trees](#)- *Trillions of Trees* is a downloadable set of three lessons for 5th grade educators that invites learners to investigate the unique characteristics of different tree species and how best to plan, plant, and care for trees in their community
- Take a [professional development training](#) by contacting pltcolorado@gmail.com to learn how to use this award-winning program in your classroom.
- Explore [PLT resources](#) for free virtual lessons, activities to share with families, and interactive videos to help students explore their local environments.
- Sign up for [The Colorado Branch](#) to receive the latest PLT new, events, resources, and educator tips.

The Colorado Tree Coalition

The Colorado Tree Coalition (CTC) is a volunteer, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization committed to leading statewide efforts in preserving, renewing, and enhancing community forests in Colorado. Working closely with partners such as the U.S. Forest Service, Colorado State Forest Service, Xcel Energy, and several corporate and private sponsors, the CTC provides programs and services to communities across Colorado. Programs administered by CTC include the Champion Tree, Tree Risk Assessment and Fifth Grade Arbor Day Poster Contest programs. Additionally, the Trees Across Colorado program provides low-cost trees to Colorado communities, and the ReForest Colorado program helps communities recover from natural disasters. CTC is a membership driven organization, and it encourages communities across Colorado to become a member to enhance their chances of obtaining tree planting and maintenance grants. www.coloradotrees.org

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