

2024 ARBOR DAY POSTER CONTEST



To: Arbor Day Poster Contest Participants
From: Adam Schnaible, Supervisor of Forestry, City of Eagan

Teachers & Parents,

Thank you for your continued interest and participation in the City's Arbor Day Poster contest! For me, teaching kids about trees and their connection to the wonders of nature is so rewarding. I especially enjoy seeing each artist's unique perspectives. As you may know, Arbor Day was first started in 1872 by J. Sterling Morton, an American journalist and politician who proposed a tree-planting holiday. He famously wrote, "Other holidays repose upon the past; Arbor Day proposes for the future." This concept of planting for the future has so strongly resonated with people worldwide that it has become an international holiday.

The theme for this year's Arbor Day poster is; "**Trees of Minnesota**". We are blessed here in Minnesota to live in a state where there are many, many trees of all different types. We have evergreen (coniferous) trees that have needles on them year-round, and we have beautiful hardwood (deciduous) trees that have leaves in the summer that turn brilliant colors in the fall and then drop their leaves during the winter months. We have small trees like crabapples and apple trees and very large trees such as oak trees. Trees cover the land of much of the state, even in our cities. Northern Minnesota has many evergreen trees, while southern Minnesota contains mainly hardwood trees. So, my idea this year for your poster is to draw scenes from Minnesota showing some of the magnificent trees that grow in our state. Hopefully, this poster contest will also be a good way to learn more about our state and the different types of trees that grow here.

Submissions will be accepted by physical drop-off, and a prize will be awarded to the overall winners of each grade. Winners will be announced on the city's website and social media.

Below, I've provided some additional guidelines to keep in mind when creating your Arbor Day posters. The submission deadline and instructions on how to submit your poster are listed on the next page. Remember, this is meant to be a fun activity. We're not looking for the best artist or the most perfect picture of a tree; more so, we are looking for a really unique poster that when someone looks at it, they will know what Arbor Day is all about.

Have fun and good luck!

2024 ARBOR DAY POSTER CONTEST GUIDELINES

- ***THIS YEAR THE THEME IS "TREES OF MINNESOTA"***
- THE CONTEST IS OPEN TO ELEMENTARY-AGE KIDS (K-5)
- ONE WINNER WILL BE SELECTED FROM EACH GRADE
- SUBMISSIONS LIMITED TO ONE POSTER PER CHILD
- ORIGINAL ARTWORK SHOULD BE ON 8.5" X 11" OR 11" X 17" PAPER ONLY
- **EACH POSTER SHOULD HAVE A CREATIVE CAPTION OR TITLE BASED ON THE THEME.**
- USE BRIGHT COLORS (MARKERS, PAINT) & BE CREATIVE, HAVE FUN, LEARN ABOUT TREES
- POSTER SUBMISSIONS MUST CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: ARTIST'S NAME, GRADE, SCHOOL ATTENDED, AND PARENT OR GUARDIAN'S CONTACT INFORMATION (EMAIL AND PHONE NUMBER).
- POSTERS CAN BE SUBMITTED BY IN-PERSON DROP-OFF AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS: EAGAN COMMUNITY CENTER, CITY HALL, OR CENTRAL MAINTENANCE
- **SUBMISSIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE 3:00 PM ON FRIDAY, APRIL 26.**
- THE POSTERS WILL BE PRESENTED TO AND VOTED ON BY SELECT PARK AND RECREATION STAFF AND PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION MEMBERS, WHO WILL ULTIMATELY SELECT THE WINNERS. WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AND SHARED ON THE CITY'S WEBPAGE AND SOCIAL MEDIA DURING ARBOR MONTH (MAY). POSTERS WILL ALSO BE ON DISPLAY DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF MARKET FEST IN JUNE.
- IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL ADAM SCHNAIBLE, SUPERVISOR OF FORESTRY, AT 651-675-5300.