



2026 MISSISSIPPI ARBOR DAY POSTER CONTEST

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS WITH THE MISSISSIPPI FORESTRY COMMISSION

IN HONOR OF ARBOR DAY AND THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF MS FORESTRY COMMISSION (MFC), STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2026 ARBOR DAY POSTER CONTEST. THIS YEAR'S THEME, "AT HOME IN THE FOREST," ENCOURAGES STUDENTS TO EXPLORE WHAT FORESTS MEAN TO THEM AND THE MANY PLANTS, ANIMALS, AND PEOPLE WHO DEPEND ON TREES AND FORESTS FOR HABITAT, PROTECTION, AND COMMUNITY.

**THEME:
"AT HOME IN THE FOREST"**

POSTERS MAY REFLECT:

- TREES IN FORESTS, NEIGHBORHOODS, OR COMMUNITIES
- WILDLIFE AND HABITATS
- THE IMPORTANCE OF TREES TO PEOPLE AND THE ENVIRONMENT
- HOW FORESTS SUPPORT MISSISSIPPI'S FUTURE

LEARNING OBJECTIVE:

ENCOURAGE STUDENT'S UNDERSTANDING OF:

- THE IMPORTANCE OF TREES AND FORESTS
- URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY
- FORESTS AS HABITATS AND VITAL NATURAL RESOURCES

**1st to 5th
Grade
Students**

**POSTER SIZE:
8.5 X 11" -
14 X 18"**

**RECOGNITION
AWARDS FOR 1ST
& 2ND PLACE IN
EACH GRADE**

POSTMARK ENTRIES BY FRIDAY, April 13, 2026

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ARTWORK GUIDELINES:

- POSTERS MUST BE ORIGINAL STUDENT ARTWORK
- THEME, "AT HOME IN THE FOREST," MUST APPEAR ON THE POSTER
- NO COMPUTER-GENERATED, AI-GENERATED, OR PRINTED ARTWORK
- NO COLLAGES (NOTHING MAY BE GLUED TO THE POSTER)
- POSTERS MUST BE FLAT — NO FOLDING, MOUNTING, MATTING, LAMINATING, OR FRAMING
- THE STUDENT'S FIRST NAME AND LAST INITIAL MUST APPEAR IN THE LOWER RIGHT CORNER ON THE FRONT
- DO NOT INCLUDE THE STUDENT'S FULL LAST NAME ON THE FRONT

CONTENT RESTRICTIONS:

- NO CARTOON, TELEVISION, MOVIE, SPORTS, OR COPYRIGHTED CHARACTERS
- SMOKEY BEAR IS PERMITTED
- NO BUSINESS, COMPANY, OR PRODUCT NAMES
- ALL WRITING MUST BE STUDENT-WRITTEN AND EASY TO READ

ACCEPTABLE MEDIA:

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| WATERCOLOR | CRAYON |
| COLORED PENCIL | INK |
| MARKER | PAINT PENS |
| ACRYLIC | TEMPERA PAINT |

MAIL POSTERS BY APRIL 13, 2026, TO: MFC STATE OFFICE, 3139
HIGHWAY 468 WEST, PEARL, MS 39208

ENTRY FORM
ATTACH TO THE BACK OF THE POSTER

STUDENT'S NAME: _____
GRADE: _____
HOME ADDRESS _____
CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____
PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME: _____
EMAIL: _____
TEACHER'S NAME: _____
TEACHER'S EMAIL: _____
SCHOOL NAME: _____