



## 2009 Arbor Day Poster Contest

A Joint Project of the Mississippi Urban Forest Council  
and the Mississippi Forestry Commission

Dear 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher,

You and your students are invited to participate in the 2009 Arbor Day Poster contest. The theme of the contest is "Trees are Terrific...in Cities and Towns!" Curriculum material designed around this theme is enclosed. Your school should select a school winner using the enclosed judging criteria. Only posters that meet all of the judging criteria will be eligible to become the state winner. The state winner will be submitted to The National Arbor Day Foundation for national competition. To enter the state contest, your school's winning poster must be post marked by February 29, 2009 to the following address:

Mississippi Urban Forest Council  
Arbor Day Poster Contest  
164 Trace Cove Drive  
Madison, MS 39110

The school winner report form should be mailed with your winning poster. Include the number of students participating in your contest so that we may send certificates to participating students!

The first place winner in the state contest will receive a certificate, and a check for \$300. In addition, the teacher of the student with the winning poster will receive \$300 to use for classroom supplies and the winning poster will be entered in the National Contest! The second place winner and teacher will receive \$100 each and the third place winner and teacher, \$50 each.

The cash prizes are provided by the Mississippi Urban Forest Council and we encourage you to join their mission. This year the MS Urban Forest Council will offer training for Jr. Urban Forestry Certification. Included in your packet is more information on this program. Contact us for more information at (601) 672-0755 or [dyowell@aol.com](mailto:dyowell@aol.com).

We encourage you to conduct the contest in conjunction with Mississippi's Arbor Day, always the second Friday in February.

Should you have any questions concerning the contest, please feel free to contact contest coordinator, Donna Yowell at (601) 672-0755, Fax (601) 856-1660 or [dyowell@aol.com](mailto:dyowell@aol.com).

Tree-mendously yours,

Donna Yowell, E.D.  
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