

Indiana Arbor Day Poster Contest 2026–2027



CHECKLIST

- ☐ **Eligibility:** All Indiana 5th grade students are eligible to enter their school's poster contest. Each school may submit only one poster to the statewide contest. All schools are eligible to enter the statewide contest, including home schools.
- ☐ **Originality:** Poster submissions must be original artwork. The use of collages, cartoon characters, and/or television figures is not allowed (many of these figures are copyrighted and cannot be reprinted).
- ☐ **Medium:** Posters may be drawn using marker, crayon, paint pens, watercolor, ink, acrylic, colored pencil, and/or tempera paints.
- ☐ **Theme:** The contest theme, Who speaks for the trees? must be on the poster, and the poster should be related to the theme in some meaningful way. Words on the entry should be legible and spelled correctly. Any included tree facts should be true, accurate, and verifiable.
- ☐ **Entry Form:** Please fill out one contest entry form for the school-winning entry being submitted in the state-wide competition. Email urbanforestry@dnr.IN.gov with the entry form and poster attached.
- ☐ **Sharing Permissions:** Posters submitted become the property of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and may be used, without compensation, to promote future contests and other urban forestry outreach programs.

Contest Entry Form

Student Information

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

Town/City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Parent or Guardian: _____

Teacher or Parent Information

Name: _____

Email: _____

Number of Students that Participated from your Class: _____

School Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Town/City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

ENTRIES DUE:

Friday, April 2, 2027

WINNERS ANNOUNCED:

April 19, 2027

EMAIL POSTER SUBMISSIONS TO:

urbanforestry@dnr.IN.gov

CONTEST QUESTIONS:

urbanforestry@dnr.IN.gov

Poster submissions can be in the format of a scanned PDF file or high-quality photo.



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