

2021 Arbor Day Poster Contest

Rules and Guidelines

The Franklin County Soil and Water Conservation District is seeking entries for our first annual “Arbor Day Poster Contest”. This poster contest is open to students in grades K to 6 from all Franklin County, NY public, private, home school, after-school, 4-H, and other organized youth groups. Winning posters will be selected from each category: Kindergarten, grades 1 and 2, grades 3 and 4, and grades 5 and 6. Each winner will receive a prize at the 2021 Arbor Day event held April 30th at 12:00pm in the Village of Malone (3rd Street Park, 36 Third St). The four winners will have their poster displayed at the Franklin County Soil and Water Booth at the Franklin County Fair; these four winners will also have their posters displayed in Soil and Water’s newsletter. One overall winner will be chosen and this poster will be the cover of Franklin County Soil and Water’s 2022 Arbor Day event flyer. Submissions must be mailed to the Franklin County Soil and Water office at 151 Finney Blvd. Malone, NY 12953 by April 27,2021.

The poster contest is designed to increase student knowledge about forests and forest resources. For teachers or parents, the poster contest can be an ideal way for students to learn more about the roles of trees in their community and the direct impact trees have on Franklin County’s health and well-being. Trees not only provide beauty, shade, and habitat/food for wildlife; they also improve air quality, muffle noise, moderate air temperatures, filter runoff into streams and rivers, as well as reduce energy consumption.

2021 Poster Contest Theme: “Trees help me Breathe”

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You and I rely on trees to help us breathe every day. The trees work to improve air quality which is one of the most crucial ways in which we benefit from them. They produce oxygen and clean carbon dioxide out of the air that we breathe. Trees also filter out the air which increases our respiratory health by removing airborne particles and reducing smog.

How exactly can a tree help me breathe? Well, to keep it simple a tree is made up of leaves, stems, a trunk and roots. When you look at a tree you are looking at a hero. Through a process called photosynthesis, leaves pull carbon dioxide and water in and use energy from the sun, through a chemical reaction, to make sugar that feeds the tree. By creating this food for itself, through that chemical reaction, trees also produce and release oxygen back into the environment. It has been said that one large tree can provide an entire day’s supply of oxygen for four people. Trees also store carbon dioxide that they take in through their leaves, this helps clean the air we breathe. Next time you take a breath, thank a tree!

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Franklin County Soil and Water Arbor Day Contest Rules

1. Each student/child grades K-6 can submit a poster to FCSW. The student must participate in a Franklin County public, private, home school, after-school, 4-H, and/or other organized youth program.
2. Submit entry by designated deadline (**April 27,2021**) by mail.
3. All entries must be original artwork created by a student or child in K-6 grade. A student may enter the contest only once.
4. Entries must be done on paper with sufficient clarity to allow for duplication, display, and framing. The age category winner's artwork will be displayed in FCSW's newsletter and at the county fair. The overall winner's artwork will be printed and utilized as the 2022 Arbor Day event poster.
5. Entry must provide student's first and last name, age/grade, and phone number. The student's name must be printed and/or signed in the lower right-hand corner on the front of the poster.
6. Entries may be done in marker, crayon, paint pens, watercolor, ink, acrylic, colored pencil, and/or tempera paint.
7. Collages will not be accepted (Do Not glue anything on the poster).
8. Computer or photo generated art and/or printing is not acceptable.
9. Entries should not display the names of commercial products, companies, organizations or copyrighted characters.
10. Entries must be on 8 ½" X 11" paper
11. The poster must be related to the contest theme in some way. The theme must be written on the poster. All words must be spelled correctly.
12. Entries should not be matted, mounted, laminated, framed, or folded.

Tips for a Winning Poster

- Use eye-catching colors, but in moderation
- Write clearly

Please mail entries to:

*Franklin County Soil and Water
151 Finney Blvd.
Malone, NY 12953*

If you have any questions please call our office 518-651-2097