

2021 Poster Contest

Healthy Forests = Healthy Communities

Gasconade County SWCD
Poster Contest

Ideas, Rules, Poster Ideas and Tips

Due March 12, 2021

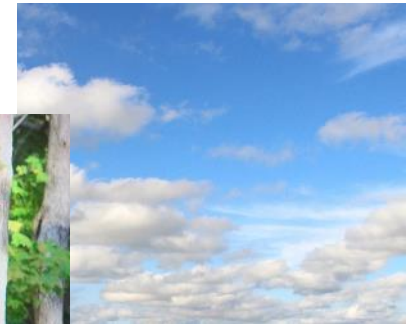


Have you thought about a tree today?

Every day, forests and trees play an important role in our lives.

Trees provide many benefits

- Recreation
- Clean Air
- Healthy Soil
- Clean Water
- Healthy People
- Food and Products
- Healthy Communities



How do trees grow?

A tree grows in three ways:



1. Its crown gets taller.

- The branches and leaves that extend from the trunk of the tree or main stems.

2. Its trunk gets wider.

- The trunk gives the tree support to help keep it from falling and holds up the crown.

3. Its roots go deeper into the soil.

- The roots go down very deep and hold the tree in place.



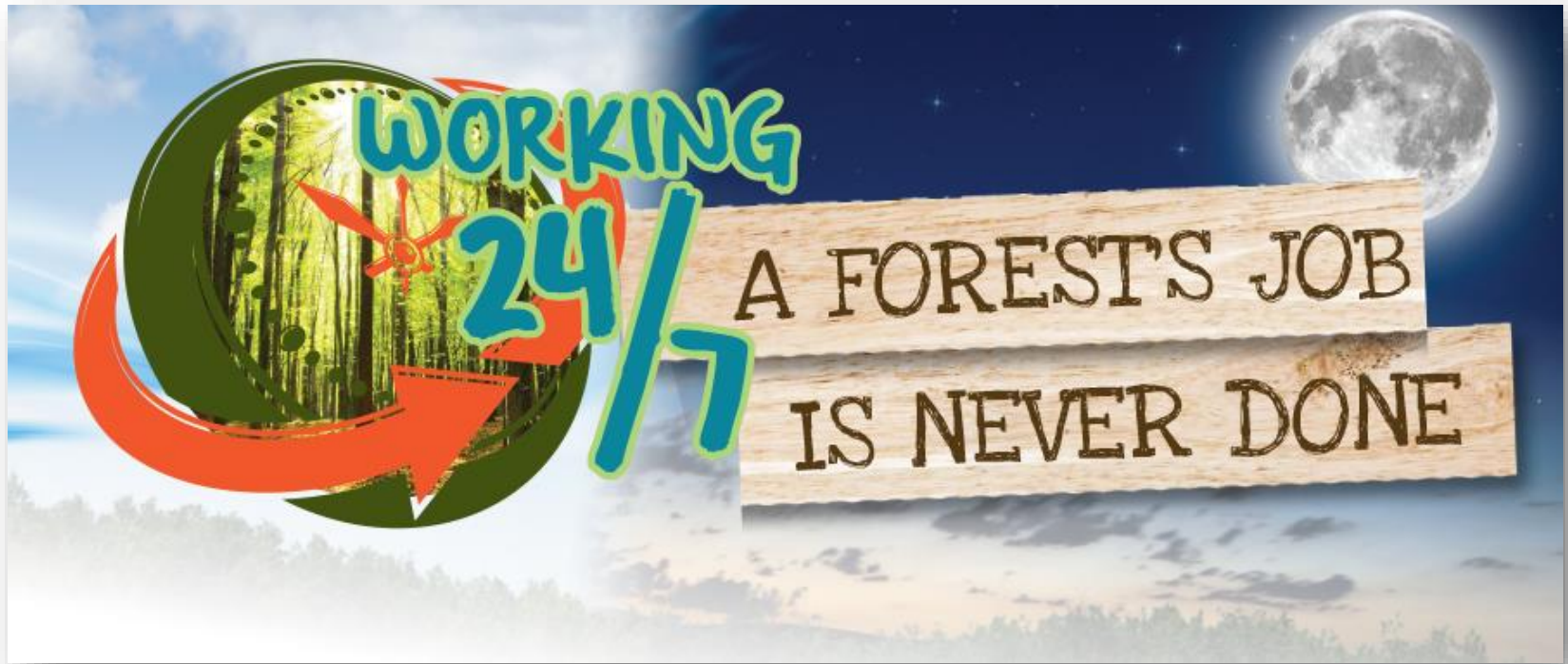
Not all trees are alike.

There are two basic types of trees to look for:

- deciduous or hardwoods and
- coniferous or softwoods



Forest's work 24/7!



How many trees do we need to breathe?



We aren't the only ones who need trees!

Animals and people use trees in the same way!

- For a home - we build our homes from trees and some animals use trees as their home.
- Food source - both humans and animals eat nuts and fruits that grow on trees.
- Keeping cool - both animals and humans use the shade from trees to keep cool.
- What other ways can you think of?



Thousands of years and still alive!

- Many forests and trees living in the United States today have been alive for hundreds and even thousands of years.
- 5,000 years ago a seed germinated on a mountain in what is now Inyo County, California. The seed grew into the oldest living organism on earth, a Bristlecone Pine tree!



Trees are a valuable natural resource.

Did you know:

- A single tree can absorb 48 pounds of carbon dioxide from car emissions per year.
- One large tree can remove up to 100 gallons of water out of the soil and release it into the air in a single day.
- One person uses enough wood related products per year to equal a 100 foot tree 18 inches in diameter.



Do Your Part

We need trees. Trees need us. It is important that each of us does our part to care for trees. There are many things we can do:

- Control invasive plants on your property and report invasive plant infestations to your local land management agency.
- Plant a native tree! If you don't have yard space, then plant one in a large pot and place it on your deck or porch.
- Visit a forest and be sure to stay on marked trails. If you picnic or camp in a forest always be very careful with grills and campfires.
- What are some other ideas?

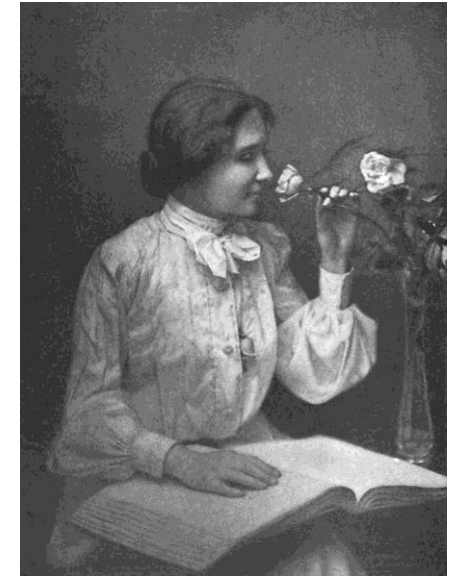


Help is here!

“To me a lush carpet of pine needles or spongy grass is more welcome than the most luxurious Persian rug.”

~ Helen Keller ~

Your local conservation district is eager to help you care for the trees in your community. Contact them for more information.



Gasconade County Soil & Water Conservation District
573-437-3478 x 3



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The Poster Contest is open to all public, private and homeschooled students in grades
2nd – 8th

Contest Categories

2nd-3rd Grade

4th-6th Grade

7th-8th Grade

Cash Prizes for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd place for each grade division.

A top winner from each grade division will be sent on to the State Competition.

Grand prize winner will receive a new bicycle.

Due Date: March 12, 2021

Poster Contest Rules

- Poster must be turned in on time for judging.
- Attach the poster [entry form](#), signed by a parent or guardian, to the back of the poster. **No names or school names shall be on the front of the poster.**
- Entry must be contestant's original creation.
- Any media may be used to create a flat poster (ex. paint, crayons, stickers, etc.)

WHAT MAKES A GOOD POSTER?

- Attracts attention
- Is simple and concise
- Uses colors and white space effectively
- Text is large enough to be easily read

When forming ideas for your poster...

- Research the topic of the theme
- Brainstorm ideas and make a list
- Use the theme as your title:

“Healthy Forests = Healthy Communities”

- Use some of the important issues from this presentation
- Look around your community for ideas
- Talk to professionals in the industry
- Research soil health and use the information you find

Poster TIPS

Do...

- *The poster theme: “Healthy Forests =Healthy Communities” must be on the poster:*
- limit text and balance a combination of illustrations and words.
- be as neat as you can and be sure to erase any penciled sketches or guidelines.
- blend colors when using crayons or colored pencils.
- research the theme topic as a way to brainstorm poster ideas.

Poster TIPS Cont.

Don't...

- *Don't put your name, school name or town on the front of the poster! It will not be judged!!*
- Don't fold or crease your poster (you worked so hard on it!)
- Don't use staples, tacks, or tape.
- Don't create a poster that is all words or all illustrations.
- Don't have your parent or others draw your poster for you to color in.
- Don't try to include too many ideas. A single message – clearly illustrated – is most effective

Judging

Judging Criteria	Weight
Conservation Message	50%
Visual Effectiveness	30%
Originality	10%
Universal Appeal	10%

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***Posters are due in the Gasconade
County SWCD Office for judging!***

**Presentation of Awards
Will be determined at a later date
Due to the current Health Crisis**