



More Tips for a Successful Poster Contest Participation

1. Children will select either one of the icons to enter.
2. Since Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl are official icons, protected by Congressional law, the colors of their clothing need to be accurate. Check the colors on the website www.symbols.gov.
3. You must follow the rules that include how you identify the poster.
4. Please check the spelling. Posters with misspelling errors will be disqualified.
5. Approach any group of children: such as scout troops, after school programs, and the like. Just make sure the child's grade is included, so the participant can compete in their grade category.
6. You might even try providing the paper for the contest in order to initiate the program.
7. The members of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. can purchase Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl promotional and educational products at the National Symbols Cache web based catalog. Please log on at www.symbols.gov/catalog. Be sure to follow the instructions. To place an order you need a password:
 - a. User ID: reduce
 - b. Password: scoe6438
8. Feel free to offer certificate of appreciation to all participants. Certificates are available and downloadable at www.symbols.gov. The National Garden Clubs, Inc. will make certificates at their website also.
9. Participating in this contest is an opportunity to encourage conservation, environmental protection, or at least an awareness of nature for children.

10. Collaboration between the US Forest Service and the National Garden Clubs, Inc.'s is important. You can contribute to this collaborative effort by completing the form that indicates how many contacts per state were made. It doesn't matter how many entries your state may have, it is essential for us to know if your state sent materials to twenty children or two hundred. The US Forest Service invests tax payer money in keeping this partnership alive. We need to help them justify the use of these funds by providing an estimate of our outreach efforts with the Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl poster contest.
11. The Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl poster contest is one of those opportunities for local Garden Clubs to get out its message. We encourage you to use the contest to promote your club, attract children and their parents, and fulfill one of the goals of the organization that is raise awareness for the caring of the environment.
12. Copy your winning posters as they are not returned.
13. If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Elaine Dates at elainedates@comcast.net.

Thank you so much for your support and commitment to our partnership with the US Forest Service.



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