

14. Local Garden Club coordinators should offer certificates of appreciation to all participants. Certificates are available for download at www.fs.usda.gov/learn/kids and the www.gardenclub.org. They are also encouraged to organize a recognition ceremony. If there is a national forest office nearby, the Forest can be contacted to ask if Smokey or Woodsy can come and join the recognition ceremony. National forest information is available at www.fs.usda.gov.

15. The Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl poster contest is an opportunity for local Garden Clubs to connect with their communities. The contest may be used to promote the club, attract children and their parents, and raise awareness of the importance of caring for the environment.

16. Winning posters should be copied as they will not be returned.

17. Past winners are permitted and encouraged to participate again.

18. Posters may include artwork pasted upon a second piece of paper. However, they must be flat. 3D posters are not allowed.

19. A poster may include just the head of Woodsy or Smokey.

20. National Garden Clubs, Inc. local coordinators for the Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl poster contest should contact their State or Regional Poster Chairman in order to get promotional materials. Promotional materials are also available at www.fs.usda.gov/learn/kids and the www.gardenclub.org.

21. Posters that compete for the National Grand Prize become property of the Forest Service. They **ARE NOT** returned to the participants. Participants and State and Regional Poster Chairmen should make copies or scan and save the posters they submit.

If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Jennifer Moreno at Moreno_jen@aps.edu, or Iris Velez at ivelez@fs.fed.us

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And remember:

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