

2020 CANTON ARBOR DAY CITYWIDE POSTER CONTEST

Theme: "What Trees Mean to Me"

Arbor Day 2020
Poster Contest
PRESS RELEASE

Canton, OH. The Tree Commission of Canton, Ohio invites kindergarten through second grade classes across the City to participate in its 2020 Arbor Day poster contest, which gives students the opportunity to use their creativity while learning about the importance of trees.

All students in grades K-2 including Special Education in the City of Canton are eligible to enter their school's poster contest. Each school may submit **three** posters per grade: K, 1, 2, and Special Education to the City of Canton Tree Commission 2020 Arbor Day Poster Contest. Maximum of 12 posters/school.

The purpose of the poster contest is to:

1. Teach today's children - tomorrow's leaders - about the importance of trees in our lives.
2. Recognize children's creativity and show them how they can help the environment.
3. Provide Canton's educators with an opportunity to teach about trees and their value in our environment.

All entries will be displayed during the 2020 City of Canton Arbor Day Celebration on April 24, 2020. The overall top three winners (1st, 2nd, 3rd place) for each grade level will be highlighted, as well one overall winner. Each grade level first place winner's school plus the overall winner's school will receive a tree to plant on their school grounds. In addition, the winning posters will be featured at the 2020 Tree City USA Celebration, held in Canton on April 28, 2020 and will appear on the City of Canton Tree Commission website.

The deadline to register your school's poster contest is Tuesday, October 1, 2019 by 5:00pm. The poster entry deadline for school submissions is December 20, 2019 at 12:00 p.m.

Please direct questions related to the poster contest to trees@cantonohio.gov



2020 CANTON ARBOR DAY CITYWIDE POSTER CONTEST

What rees Mean to Me Arbor Day 2020 Poster Contest Rules

1. **Eligibility:** Any student who attends school in the City of Canton and who is currently in grades K, 1, 2, and Special Education is eligible to participate providing their school agrees to hold a school poster contest.
2. **Originality:** All entries must be original artwork. Copyrighted cartoon characters, TV figures and photographs are not acceptable. Entries should not display the names of commercial products, companies or organizations. A student may enter the contest *one time only*.
3. **Presentation:** Posters may be on poster paper or drawing paper. Entries must be completed with sufficient clarity to allow for duplication, display and framing. Bright colors that reproduce well are best. Entries should not be matted, mounted, laminated, framed or folded. Stencil, computer-generated art or text, clipart, press-on letters, and/or printing are not acceptable. Also, unacceptable are glitter, glued objects, tissue paper or any other type of add-ons. (Do not glue anything on poster.)
4. **Medium:** Posters may be completed in marker, crayon, paint pens, watercolor, ink, acrylic, colored pencil, and/or tempera paint. Collages are not acceptable.
5. **Size:** Entries must be no smaller than 8½” x 11” and no larger than 11” x 17”.
6. **Theme:** The theme: **What Trees Mean to Me** must be on the poster. All words must be spelled correctly. The poster must be related to the contest in some way.
7. **Signatures:** The student’s first and last name must be written or signed on the front of the poster in the lower right-hand corner.
8. **Entry Forms & Process:** Each school should select their top three winners for each grade (K, 1, 2, and Special Education). Submit the original posters with the Poster Entry Form and School Winner Report Form attached to the back of each poster. Forms may be obtained from the Canton Tree Commission’s page on the City of Canton website: <https://cantonohio.gov/engineering/?pg=801>
9. **Deadlines:** Participating schools must register their school poster contest with the City of Canton Tree Commission by Tuesday, **October 1, 2019**. Each schools’ winning entries must be submitted by Friday, **December 20, 2019** to the Canton Tree Commission at City Service Center, Building A, 2436 30th Street NE, Canton, OH 44705

All entries will be displayed during the 2020 City of Canton Arbor Day Celebration on April 24, 2020, with grade level and overall winners highlighted. Also the final winners’ artwork will:

- Be featured in the 2020 Tree City USA program, held in Canton on April 28, 2020
- Appear on the City of Canton’s website on the Tree Commission’s page

Posters **will not** be returned. They may be picked up on May 8, 2020 at the City Service Center, Building A, 2436 30th Street NE.



TIPS for a winning poster:

- Use eye-catching colors but in moderation.
- Write clearly.
- Artwork must be reproducible.
- Science and Art teacher collaboration is encouraged.

Questions? Contact us at trees@cantonohio.gov

GUIDELINES TO PRINCIPALS AND SCHOOL ARBOR DAY COORDINATORS

2020 City of Canton Arbor Day Poster Contest

1. **Designate an individual to be your school Arbor Day Poster Contest Coordinator.** This individual will be the contact person between the City of Canton Tree Commission and your school. This person will:
 - a. Distribute information to teachers about the poster contest and manage your school's contest.
 - b. Register your school's poster contest with City of Canton Tree Commission by October 1, 2019.
 - c. Coordinate getting your overall school poster winning entries to the City of Canton Tree Commission. Three posters per grade K thru 2 plus special education (maximum of 12 posters).

2. **Register by October 1, 2019.** The Tree Commission must hear from your school poster contest coordinator by Tuesday, October 1, 2019 if you intend to participate. Complete the School / Coordinator Registration Form and submit via mail or email to City of Canton Tree Commission.

3. **Hold a poster contest at your school.** Review the attached Poster Contest Rules, or see rules posted on City of Canton Tree Commission page (<https://cantonohio.gov/engineering/?pg=801>)
 - a. Have school-level judging select the top 3 posters in each grade. Grades K, 1, 2 and Special Education are eligible.
 - b. Assure posters are completed and judged prior to December 20, 2019.

4. **Deliver your school's winning posters (three per grade, maximum 12) to the City of Canton Tree Commission, City Service Center, Building A, 2436 30th Street NE, Canton, OH 44705, along with:**
 - a. A completed *Poster Entry Form* attached to the back of each poster. (Ensure the information provided is legible so that winning students' certificates may be printed correctly.)
 - b. A completed *Overall School Winner Report Form*.
 - c. A completed *School Grade Winner Report Form*.

Posters must be **delivered by Friday, December 20, 2019** at 12:00 p.m. (NOT postmarked).

4. **Celebrate Arbor Day, Friday, April 24, 2020, at the Canton Garden Center!**

5. **The *winning posters* will be featured at Tree City USA celebration in Canton, Ohio on April 28, 2020!**

Calendar and Deadlines

September 1, 2019	Contest Information. Registration and poster contest information sent to City of Canton schools. Information is also available on Canton Tree Commission webpage @: https://cantonohio.gov/engineering/?pg=801
October 1, 2019	Registration Deadline. Submit registration form to the City of Canton Tree Commission by mail or email attachment.
October 1 – December 15, 2019	Conduct and coordinate your school's poster contest. Grades K-2 and Special Education are eligible.
December 20, 2019	Poster Entry Deadline. Your school's winning posters must be received by 12:00pm.
April 24, 2020	Arbor Day! City of Canton Arbor Day Celebration and recognition of all participants and winning posters.
April 28, 2020	Tree City USA Program Recognition

**City of Canton
Tree Commission
2020 Arbor Day Poster Contest
School / Coordinator Registration Form**

School Name: _____

School District: _____

If you are a private or home school, please indicate other as your district.

Poster Contest Coordinator Name: _____

Coordinator Email: _____

Coordinator Phone: _____

School Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

School Phone: _____

Student Participation:

Please enter an estimate of the number of students that you think will be participating in your school's poster contest.

Kindergarten Grade: _____

First Grade: _____

Second Grade: _____

Special Education: _____

Participating schools must register with the City of Canton Tree Commission by Tuesday, October 1, 2019.

*To register complete this form and mail to City of Canton Tree Commission at
City Service Center, Building A
2436 30th Street NE
Canton, OH 44705.*

Or submit via email attachment to: trees@cantonohio.gov

*Each schools' winning poster entries must be submitted by Friday, December 20, 2019 to the City of Canton Tree Commission,
City Service Center, Building A, 2436 30th Street NE, Canton, OH 44705.*

2020 CANTON ARBOR DAY CITYWIDE POSTER CONTEST SCHOOL GRADE WINNER REPORT FORM

After selecting your school winners by grade level, copy and complete this form for each winner, attach it to the back of the winning posters from each grade, and deliver by the deadline to Canton Tree Commission, City Service Center, Building A, 2436 30th Street NE, Canton, OH 44705. All information should be complete to expedite contacting winners.

Winner's Name: _____

Winner's Parent or Guardian Name: _____

Winning Level: **First Place** **Second Place** **Third Place**

Grade: **Grade K** **Grade 1** **Grade 2** **Special Education**

Teacher's Name: _____

Teacher's E-mail Address: _____

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ **County: Stark** **State: Ohio**

Zip Code: _____ **School Phone:** (_____) _____

Important:

SCHOOL TALLY

- How many GRADE K STUDENTS participated in your school's contest?

- How many GRADE 1 STUDENTS participated in your school's contest?

- How many GRADE 2 STUDENTS participated in your school's contest?

- How many SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS participated in your school's contest?

- How many TEACHERS participated in your school's contest?

Poster Entry Deadline: December 20, 2019

**2020 CANTON ARBOR DAY
CITYWIDE POSTER CONTEST
OVERALL SCHOOL WINNER REPORT FORM**

After selecting your overall school winner, complete this form, attach it to the back of the winning poster, and deliver by the deadline to the Canton Tree Commission, City Service Center, Building A, 2436 30th Street NE, Canton, OH 44705. All information should be complete to expedite contacting winners.

Winner's Name: _____

Winner's Parent or Guardian Name: _____

Grade: **Grade K** **Grade 1** **Grade 2** **Special Education**

Teacher's Name: _____

Teacher's E-mail Address: _____

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ **County: Stark** **State: Ohio**

Zip Code: _____ **School Phone:** (_____) _____

**Important:
SCHOOL TALLY**

- How many posters were entered for your school's contest?

- How many total votes did the Overall School Poster Winner receive?

- How many total votes were cast?

- How many TEACHERS participated in your school's contest?

Poster Entry Deadline: December 20, 2019

City of Canton
2020 CANTON ARBOR DAY
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POSTER ENTRY FORM
(one per poster)

Student Information

Student's Name	
Grade	
Teacher's Name	
Parent/Guardian Name	

School Information

School	
School District	
Mailing Address	
City, State, Zip	
School Arbor Day Coordinator	
School Telephone no.	

Other (Home School, etc.)

School District	
Home Mailing Address	
City, State, Zip	
Home Telephone no.	

TAPE ENTRY FORM TO THE BACK OF EACH POSTER

Poster Entry Deadline: December 20, 2019

*Please photocopy this Poster Entry Form. A Poster Entry Form **must** be attached to each poster delivered to the City of Canton Tree Commission. All City of Canton students in grades K-2 and special education are eligible to enter the Arbor Day Poster Contest. Please fill out this form so it is legible.*

The winning certificates are printed using this information, so please print legibly.

Each school may submit THREE (3) winning posters per grade level (K-2 and Special Education) to the City of Canton Tree Commission 2020 Arbor Day Poster Contest.