



Missouri Forestry Council
Arbor Day Poster Contest

2023-2024 Curriculum and Teacher's Guide

Theme:

Trees Work for Our Backyard Friends

Introduction:

Trees work in amazing ways that shape the quality of our daily life. For more information on how 'Trees Work', visit the Missouri Department of Conservation webpage at www.treeswork.org and get to know more of the real and valuable benefits trees provide in our lives.

Goal: Demonstrate how trees are essential to the survival and presence of wildlife. Highlight the benefits wildlife provide in the urban environment. Provide the connection that trees work for people and wildlife in similar ways.

This year, we look at how Trees Work for Our Backyard Friends, by providing essential habitat and urban ecosystem elements for wildlife.

You are encouraged to use all or adapt the activities in these instructional materials to meet the learning objectives of your classroom. These activities utilize Missouri Learning Standards for science. You can use one activity and then introduce the poster contest information as an assignment, or you may decide to use all of the activities. Please note that some activities also have supplemental materials, which are available on the Missouri Community Forestry Council (MCFC) website at <http://mocommunitytrees.com>. Be sure to review the poster contest rules and due date to be included at the state competition. Students may still participate in the contest, even if they have not experienced the curriculum, although the activities may help students decide on their poster content and are used to judge the posters.