



# Smokey Bear Poster Contest

## Texas A&M Forest Service presents Smokey Bear Poster Contest for Texas Students

Texas students, K-12th grade, are invited to participate in an annual Smokey Bear Poster to help promote wildfire prevention in Texas



### "Only you can prevent wildfires"

Since 1944, Smokey Bear has been the nationally recognized symbol for wildfire prevention. His message encourages personal responsibility and he uses five rules to teach children and adults to be careful with matches, campfires and outdoor debris burning.

2024 Poster Calendar cover



### Help Protect Texas

Every year, Texas communities are impacted by wildfires. Human activities account for 90% of wildfires in Texas - which means they are preventable! The most common preventable cause are: careless debris burning, equipment use (heavy equipment, vehicles, welding, etc.), discarding smoking materials, and arson.

The Smokey Bear Poster Contest helps raise awareness and allows students to demonstrate their understanding of wildfire prevention topics through their original artwork. Contest entries should feature a wildfire prevention message for issues seen in Texas

### Who can participate?

- K-12 School District students
- Youth Programs/Camps/Clubs
- Homeschool or Related Groups
- Other informal education programs

### Divisions:

K-2nd Grade

3rd - 5th Grade

6th - 8th Grade

9th - 12th Grade

Winners will be chosen from each division and their posters showcased in the 2025 Smokey Bear Calendar plus more!

**Submission deadline is August 9, 2024  
(Smokey Bear's 80th birthday!)**



For more information and complete rules visit  
<https://tfsweb.tamu.edu/SmokeyPosterContest/>

