



**Crown Point Garden Club  
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## **2027 Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl Poster Contest**

**Children in grades 3-5 are invited to participate  
in the poster contest featuring conservation icons Smokey  
Bear & Woodsy Owl!**

**Entry Forms Available: September 15, 2026**

**Deadline: October 15, 2026**

**Judging: October 22, 2026**

**Winners' Ceremony: November 14, 2026**

**Rules:**

- Competition includes children in **grades 3-5**.
- All posters must feature Smokey Bear or Woodsy Owl.
- Smokey Bear posters must include the wildfire prevention message: **Only You Can Prevent Wildfires!**
- Woodsy Owl posters must include the conservation message: **Lend a Hand - Care for the Land!**
- All posters should encourage children to take a personal role in preventing wildfires or conserving natural resources.
- Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl must be presented in their correct colors (they are official icons protected by law); check the colors on the website [www.fs.usda.gov/learn/kids](http://www.fs.usda.gov/learn/kids) or [www.symbols.gov](http://www.symbols.gov).
- Poster size: 11 x 17, paper provided at the Library.
- Materials accepted: crayons, markers, poster paints, watercolors, and the like. Not accepted: Digital/3D artwork
- Artwork must be 100% original.
- Attach the entry form to the back, lower-right corner of the poster. Do not attach the entry form to the front; use staples or a dark marker.
- Submit posters to the Crown Point Children's Library by October 15, 2026.

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# Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl Poster Rules



1. All poster entrees must be sponsored by a local Garden Club.
2. Posters must feature Smokey Bear or Woodsy Owl and must not feature both together.
3. Smokey Bear posters must include Smokey's wildfire prevention message: Only you Can Prevent Wildfires!
4. Woodsy Owl posters must include Woodsy's conservation message: Lend a Hand, Care for the Land!
5. Posters should encourage children to take a personal role in preventing wildfires or conserving natural resources.
6. Each entry should be 11 x 17 inches in size.
7. Materials that can be used include: crayons, markers, poster paints, water colors, etc.
8. The choice of paper color and texture is up to the child.
9. No three-dimensional posters, computer scanned, or electronically generated images will be accepted.
10. The following information should be written on the back of the poster in the lower-right corner:
  - a. The artist's name, address, home phone number, grade level, school, teacher's name, city, and state.
  - b. Should school policy preclude giving students' address and phone number, please include the school address and phone number.
  - c. Each poster must also show the name of the sponsoring local Garden Club as well as an address, phone number, and email for the local Garden Club. (Do not use a dark marker for this information as it may show through.)
11. Posters are to be completed by individual student artists. Competition may include students from 3<sup>rd</sup> to fifth grade.
12. The Local Garden Club Chair must submit the poster entries to his or her state Chairman no later than January 21, 2022. The State Garden Club Chair must submit the five winning posters from his or her state to Regional Garden Club Chairman by February 25, 2022.
13. Since Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl are official icons protected by law, the colors of their clothing need to be accurate. Check the colors on the Web site [www.fs.usda.gov/learn/kids](http://www.fs.usda.gov/learn/kids).
14. Students should be reminded to check spelling. Posters with spelling errors will be disqualified.



**"Lend a Hand – Care for the Land"**