



2012 Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl Poster Contest Time Line



Date	Activity	Responsibility of
May 2011	Mailing 2012 Information Packages to the National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC) Chairpersons & Forest Service (FS)	Forest Service
January 20, 2012	Poster entries must be received by the NGC State Chairman for the Poster Contest	NGC Poster Contest Local Coordinators will send poster entries to the State Chairman for the Poster Contest.
February 15, 2012	State winner entries must be received by the NGC Regional Chairman for the Poster Contest.	NGC State Chairmen of the Poster Contest will mail State winners to the Regional Chairman to the poster contest.
March 16, 2012	Regional winner entries must be received by the NGC National Chairman for the Poster Contest.	NGC Regional Chairmen of the Poster Contest will mail regional winners to the National Chairman for the Poster Contest.
By April 2, 2012	Judging to select the national winners of each grade level.	A committee called by the NGC National Chairman for the Poster Contest in coordination with FS will choose national winners for each grade level.
By April 23, 2012	Selection of the National Grand Prize Winner	FS Washington Headquarters Office employees
Summer 2012	National Grand Prize winner recognition ceremony in Washington D.C.	Forest Service & National Chairman of the NGC Poster Contest

Recognition Ceremonies

- It is recommended that local and/or state recognition ceremonies be coordinated in conjunction with local events during Earth Week in April or during National Public Lands Day in September. Woodsy Owl and Smokey Bear should be present at these award ceremonies if at all possible.
- You can find and download Certificates of Participation at www.fs.usda.gov/conservationeducation and www.gardenclub.org.
- The 1st place National Winners for each grade level category and the National Grand Prize winner will be announced at the 2012 National Garden Clubs, Inc. Annual Meeting.
- U.S. savings bonds and certificates for the four national winners will be mailed following the 2012 National Garden Clubs, Inc. Annual Meeting. The National Grand Prize Winner will get their U.S. savings bond and certificate during the recognition ceremony in Washington, DC.
- The recognition ceremony for the National Grand Prize winner takes place every year during late Spring or Summer in Washington, DC.
- Forest Service conservation education and fire prevention regional coordinators can help you identify local Forest Service units that may assist you with having Smokey and Woodsy appear at your event. A list of coordinators is available at www.fs.usda.gov/conservationeducation.

“Only YOU Can Prevent Wildfires!”

“Lend a Hand, Care for the Land!”

