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2009 ARBOR DAY POSTER CONTEST

WAKE FOREST, NC – January 8, 2009 – The Wake Forest [Urban Forestry Advisory Board](#) is sponsoring an Arbor Day Poster Contest for elementary school students in grades K-5 who live in Wake Forest.

Urban Forestry Advisory Board (UFAB) members will judge the poster contest according to artwork, creativity and depiction of this year's theme – "Trees are Terrific...in Cities and Towns!" Complete contest rules are available at www.wakeforestnc.gov/government/urbanforestryboard.aspx. The deadline to enter is Jan. 23, 2009.

The UFAB will award \$50 U.S. savings bonds to the contest winners in four categories: 1) Best Picture; 2) Most Creative; 3) Honorable Mention; and 4) State Entry.

The poster selected for "Best Picture" will be printed on Arbor Day t-shirts, coffee mugs, and other promotional items. The State Entry category is limited to 5th graders only. One 5th grader's poster will be chosen from among the entries to be entered in the state competition with a chance to advance to the national contest. Poster contest winners will be recognized during this year's Arbor Day celebration.

The Arbor Day Poster Contest is part of the Town of Wake Forest's annual Arbor Day celebration. Arbor Day is a nationwide campaign promoting the planting of trees. National Arbor Day is celebrated on the last Friday in April, but individual state commemorations are scheduled on dates better suited to each state's own tree-planting season. North Carolina celebrates Arbor Day on the first Friday following March 15. Wake Forest will celebrate Arbor Day on Thursday, March 12, 2009.

The Wake Forest UFAB is a citizen group appointed by the Board of Commissioners. Established in 1978, the nine-member board oversees all planting in rights-of-way and on public property. Wake Forest has been recognized by the National Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree City USA for 29 consecutive years – longer than any other city or town in North Carolina.

For more information about this year's Arbor Day Poster Contest, contact Assistant Planning Director [Ann Ayers](#) at (919) 554-6143.

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