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ARBOR DAY POSTER CONTEST UNDERWAY

WAKE FOREST, NC – November 10, 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...and Energy Wise!" Complete contest rules are available at www.wakeforestnc.gov/government/urbanforestryboard.aspx.

Submissions may be mailed or hand-delivered to Town of Wake Forest, c/o Ann Ayers, Arbor Day Poster Contest, 401 Elm Ave., Wake Forest, NC 27587 and must be received no later than 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, 2010.

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) 5th Grade State Entry.

The illustration selected for "Best Picture" will be printed on Arbor Day promotional items, such as T-shirts and coffee mugs.

The 5th Grade 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.

Award notifications will be mailed to each winner's school and home address. Awards will be presented to the contest winners during the 2010 Wake Forest Arbor Day Celebration. Scheduled for Thursday, March 11, 2010, at 10 a.m., the ceremony will be held at the Wake Forest Community House, 133 W. Owen Ave. All poster entries will also be on display throughout the event.

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.

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 or aayers@wakeforestnc.gov.

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