



**2009 Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl  
National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC)  
&  
U. S. Forest Service (FS)  
Poster Contest Time Line**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Responsibility of</b>
<b>April 2008</b>	Mailing 2009 Information Packages to the NGC Chairpersons & FS	<b>U.S. Forest Service</b>
<b>January 19, 2009</b>	Poster entries must be received by the NGC State Chairmen for the Poster Contest	<b>NGC Poster Contest Local Coordinators</b> will send poster entries to the State Chairman for the Poster Contest.
<b>February 16, 2009</b>	State winner entries must be received by the NGC <b>Regional Chairmen</b> for the Poster Contest.	<b>NGC State Chairmen</b> of the Poster Contest will mail State winners to the Regional Chairman to the poster contest.
<b>March 16, 2009</b>	Regional winner entries must be received by the NGC <b>National Chairman</b> for the Poster Contest.	<b>NGC Regional Chairmen</b> of the Poster Contest will mail <b>Regional winners</b> to the <b>National Chairman</b> for the <b>Poster Contest</b> .
<b>By March 31, 2009</b>	Judging to select the national winners of each grade level.	A committee called by the <b>NGC National Chairman</b> for the Poster Contest in coordination with FS will choose national winners for each grade level.
<b>By April 17, 2009</b>	Selection of the National Grand Prize Winner	FS Washington Headquarters Office employees
<b>Summer 2009</b>	National Grand Prize winner recognition ceremony in Washington D.C.	Forest Service & National Chairman of the NGC Poster Contest



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## Recognition Ceremonies

- ✚ It is recommended that local and/or state recognition ceremonies are coordinated in conjunction with local events during Earth Week in April or during Public Lands Day in September. You will find Certificates of Participation at [www.symbols.gov](http://www.symbols.gov).
- ✚ The 1st place National Winners for each grade level category and the National Grand Prize winner will be announced at the 2009 National Garden Clubs, Inc. Annual Meeting.
- ✚ U. S. savings bonds for four of the national winners and their certificates will be mailed to each winner after the 2009 National Garden Clubs, Inc. Annual Meeting. The National Grand Prize Winner will get the U. S. savings bond and the certificate during the recognition ceremony in Washington D.C.
- ✚ The recognition ceremony for the National Grand Prize takes place every year during Summer time in Washington, DC.
- ✚ Woodsy Owl and Smokey Bear should be present at these award ceremonies if at all possible.
- ✚ U. S. Forest Service conservation education and/or fire prevention regional coordinators can help you identify local Forest Service units that may assist you with the icons appearance at your event. A hard copy contact lists are included in this package and it is also available at [www.symbols.gov](http://www.symbols.gov).