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Dear Educator,

You are invited to join over 63,000 fifth grade teachers across America in the 2010 Arbor Day Poster Contest. This year's contest "Trees are Terrific and Energy Wise" includes classroom activities designed to increase understanding of the importance of trees and the ways that they contribute to reducing energy consumption. I have included the activities **exact correlations to Indiana State Science and Art Standards** so that you are not only meeting your requirements as a teacher in Indiana, but we have provided you with fun and proven activities.

The use of part or all of the activities in the guide is encouraged, but not mandatory, for participation in the contest. You may adapt, alter, or supplement these activities to meet the needs of your class.

The rewards for both the State and National contests are numerous. For the Indiana contest, we will be dividing the state into 4 regions. Each school will submit its winning poster and will enter the judging for the region. Each regional winner will receive either an 8 GB Ipod Touch or a 16 GB Ipod Nano as well as a tree for their school and many other fun and educational prizes. Teachers from the winning schools will also receive educational materials for their classrooms. Each regional winner will then go on to compete at the state level with judging occurring at the 2010 Flower and Patio Show in early March. The winner of the state contest as well as the regional winners will be honored at the Indiana State Museum during the Arbor Day Celebration where he or she will be recognized in a formal proclamation. Finally, the winning submission will go on to compete in the National Arbor Day Poster Contest for a chance to win \$1000 savings bond and an all expenses paid trip to the Arbor Day Farm in Nebraska for the winner and his or her family. In addition, the teacher of the winning submission at the National level will also receive a \$200 savings bond.

To participate in the 2010 Arbor Day Poster contest:

- Designate a teacher or staff member as your Arbor Day Coordinator
- Have the winning school submission **postmarked by March 1, 2010** and mailed to the address listed below.

[director@iufc.org](mailto:director@iufc.org)

<http://www.iufc.org>

Please complete the enclosed/attached form and return to  
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The information for the contest is also available on our website at [www.iufc.org](http://www.iufc.org). If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me by email or by phone at (317) 489-8775. We hope that you will take part in this fun and rewarding program and join the 63,000 other children across America in learning about the world's greatest renewable resource!

Kind Regards,

Ashley Mulis  
Executive Director  
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