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Dear fourth and fifth-grade teachers,

The West Virginia Division of Forestry and the Urban and Community Forestry Council are calling on you to showcase your students' artistic talents by participating in the 2012 West Virginia Arbor Day Poster Contest. This year's theme is "*Where Do I Belong?*"

A state winner will be selected for the fourth grade and fifth grade students participating. Each state winner will receive a \$50 US Savings Bond from the West Virginia Forestry Association. In addition, an award ceremony will be held at their schools and a tree will be planted in their honor.

How can you get your students involved in this exciting contest? Simply contact me, Andy Sheetz, at andy.i.sheetz@wv.gov or (304) 558-1264, for a poster contest guide that contains educational activities. The contest is open to public, private and home schooling teachers in the Mountain State.

The deadline for all contest submissions is March 1, 2012. Only posters that meet the contest rules will be eligible for prizes. Please read the poster contest rules in the activity guide carefully to make sure your students meet eligibility requirements.

To see last year's winning posters, visit the Division of Forestry's web site at www.wvforestry.com, under the Urban Forestry section.

Thank you in advance for participating in 2012 West Virginia Arbor Day Poster Contest. Don't hesitate to contact me for more information.

Sincerely Yours,

Andy Sheetz,
Partnership Coordinator

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