



# Town of Norwood

## Arbor Day Festival

### Middle School Essay Contest

Arbor Day is celebrated in all 50 states and in countries all around the world to honor one of our most important resources: trees!

This contest is a fun opportunity to spread a passion for nature through an activity encouraging students to examine their thoughts about trees.

The Rules:

Write an original essay of at least 1,000 words, on one of the following prompts:

- J. Sterling Morton, a nature lover and journalist, started spreading his enthusiasm for trees when he became an editor of a Nebraska newspaper in the 1850s. How would you use your influence to improve and preserve our trees, and why?
- Over one million trees were planted on the first unofficial Arbor Day. How long do you think it would take you, your family, and your friends to plant that many trees? What would be the most rewarding parts and the most difficult challenges of this agricultural work, and why?
- One reason Arbor Day is so popular is because of the many benefits of trees. What positive aspects of trees can you think of? Why are millions of trees important?
- While trees are important to humans, they also serve as home to many different things in nature. Imagine a plant, insect, or animal living in a tree. What would it be like? How would you show appreciation?

The following must be included on the front of each entry:

- Student's Name
- Grade
- School
- City
- Teacher's Name

Entries must be submitted by **March 31st, 2023** and will be judged on originality, effectiveness, accuracy, grammar, and creativity.

Certificates will be awarded for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place entries.

All winners will be announced at the Arbor Day Festival on April 29th, 2023.

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