



Forest Service
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



National Garden Clubs, Inc.

2027 Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl Poster Contest

TIMELINE

Date	Activity	Responsibility of
August 2026	Information packages mailed to poster contest chairpersons and Forest Service conservation education and fire prevention coordinators	Forest Service
January 22, 2027	Local winning posters must be received by the State garden club or poster contest chairperson	Local garden club or poster contest chairperson
February 26, 2027	State winning posters must be received by the regional garden club or poster contest chairperson	State garden club or poster contest chairperson
March 19, 2027	Regional winning posters must be received by the National Garden Clubs poster contest chairperson	Regional garden club or poster contest chairperson
April 5, 2027	Judging to select the national winners for each grade level	National Garden Clubs poster contest chairperson and Forest Service staff
April 19-30, 2027	Selection of the national grand prize winner	Forest Service employees
May 2027	Announcement of national poster contest winners	National Garden Clubs (at their national convention)
Summer 2027	National grand prize winner recognition ceremony	Forest Service and National Garden Clubs, Inc.

