All submissions must be postmarked by October 31, 2018. Do not fold posters. Mail or drop off to the following New Jersey Forest Fire Service Divisional Offices:

**NORTHERN Division Headquarters**
Attn: Smokey Bear Calendar Contest
NJ Forest Fire Service
240 Main Street, Andover, NJ 07821

**CENTRAL Division Headquarters**
Attn: Smokey Bear Calendar Contest
NJ Forest Fire Service
PO Box 239, New Lisbon, NJ 08064
(Physical address - 103 Shins Road, Vincentown, NJ 08088)

**SOUTHERN Division Headquarters**
Attn: Smokey Bear Calendar Contest
NJ Forest Fire Service
5555 Atlantic Ave., Mays Landing, NJ 08330

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**ENTRY FORM**
Copy this label and tape it to the back of your submission.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

Month Chosen: ____________________________

Student's Name: __________________________

Grade: ____________________________

School: ____________________________

Teacher's Name: __________________________

Teacher's Email: __________________________

School Phone Number: __________________

What is the best way to notify teacher if poster is selected for calendar?

____ Phone ______ Email

Number of students participating in your classroom: _________

This artwork has been awarded:

______ 1st place

______ 2nd place

______ 3rd place

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**Choose a Wildfire Prevention Theme**

**JANUARY — Proper disposal of fireplace ashes**
Disposal ashes can contain hot coals that burn several days after being cleaned out from woodstoves and fireplaces. Make sure to dispose of ashes into a metal receptacle, as this will reduce the chance of accidentally starting a forest fire.

**FEBRUARY — Smokey says, “Only You Can Prevent Wildfires”**
Ninety-nine percent of wildfires in New Jersey are attributed in some way to people. Lightning accounts for the remaining percent.

**MARCH — Spring Cleaning**
Remove leaves and pine needles from around your home and gutters. Firebrands, burning pieces of wood or pine cone, can be thrown miles ahead of a forest fire, starting new fires called spot fires.

**APRIL — Wildfires!**
Wind, low humidity and dryness of the forest are several factors that make this month very dangerous for forest fires in New Jersey. Uncontrolled small fires can quickly grow to hundreds or thousands of acres in size in a matter of hours.

**MAY — Spring Planting-Landscape Smart: Be Firewise®**
Many popular landscape trees and shrubs planted around homes may also be flammable. Arborvitaes and laurels contain oils and resins that burn when dry. Pruning vegetation away from your home and planting fire-resistant plants can help protect your home from wildfire.

**JUNE — Outdoor BBQ Safety**
Maintaining gas grills and properly disposing of hot charcoal are great ways to safely kickoff barbecue season and protect the forest from fire.

**JULY — Fireworks Safety**
Celebrating our country’s independence with fireworks and sparklers should be done under supervision of a responsible adult. A bucket of water or a charged hose should be ready. And don’t forget Smokey’s furry friends. Pets’ ears are extremely sensitive to loud noises.

**AUGUST — Happy 75th Birthday Smokey Bear!**
Smokey Bear was born on August 9, 1944. He became a symbol for American fire suppression and is the longest-running public service advertising campaign in U.S. history. The Ad Council, the United States Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters employ Smokey Bear to educate the public about the dangers of unplanned human-caused wildfires.

**SEPTEMBER — Campfire Safety**
Make campfires away from and clear of flammable brush, pine needles and dry leaves. Thoroughly extinguish a campfire by mixing in water before you leave.

**OCTOBER — Fire Prevention Week**
President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed October 4-10, 1925 as the first National Fire Prevention Week, thus beginning a tradition followed by future presidents. It is observed yearly during the week of October 9, commemorating the Great Chicago Fire which did most of its damage on that day in 1871.

**NOVEMBER — Smokey’s Forest Friends**
Humans aren’t the only ones affected by forest fires — animals can be displaced as well.

**DECEMBER — Happy Holidays! from Smokey Bear**
The New Jersey Forest Fire Service needs your help to create wildfire prevention messages this year and encourages your participation in Smokey Bear’s 75th Birthday Calendar Contest. The artwork of each month’s winners will be placed in the calendar, helping to remind thousands throughout New Jersey that “only you can prevent wildfires.”

Fire Prevention Week is October 7-13, 2018. The focus of Fire Prevention Week is to make fire safety a part of daily life throughout the year. The calendar helps coordinate wildfire prevention topics for each month. Schools and home-schooled students can work on the posters through October, depending on the teacher’s schedule. The completed posters must be mailed to or dropped off at one of the Forest Fire Service’s Divisional Offices by October 31, 2018. The poster contest is open to all students in first, second and third grades. Please submit three contest winners (first, second and third place) per classroom. Poster topics should be selected from the themes listed on the back of this flyer.

Once the Forest Fire Service receives the artwork submissions, a team of judges will select 12 posters based on each month’s designated wildfire safety message. One poster will be chosen for the cover of the calendar. Once printed, thousands of calendars will be distributed throughout the state, including to participating classrooms. Smokey Bear’s 75th Birthday Calendar complements the Forest Fire Service’s decades-long tradition of providing Smokey Bear-themed wildfire prevention programs to schools across New Jersey.

For more information regarding Smokey Bear’s 75th Birthday Calendar Contest, please visit https://www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/fire/Smokey_bear_contest.html. For information regarding the New Jersey Forest Fire Service, please visit www.njwildfire.org.

Calling all creative artists!
Be a part of our Smokey Bear 75th Birthday Calendar Contest

Contest Rules
These rules should be followed to ensure your poster’s acceptance.
Entry Deadline: October 31, 2018
Winning posters selected for the calendar also receive an award presented to the student artist by Smokey Bear.

1. Fill out and tape the label to the back of the submission
2. Submit three contest winners per classroom (first, second and third place)
3. All submissions must be flat; no 3D objects
4. Hand-drawn entries only; no clip art, collages or computer-generated artwork
5. One poster per student
6. The poster must be the original artwork of the student
7. Decisions of the judges are final and all entries become the property of the contest sponsors
8. Entries must be 8.5” x 11”, landscape orientation

Submissions will be judged on:
- Visual appeal
- Originality
- Theme based
- New Jersey focus