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(Broomfield, CO) - The Colorado Tree Coalition (CTC) and the Colorado State Forest Service proudly announce the **2011 Colorado Arbor Day Poster Contest**. This exciting, fun and educational opportunity is available to all 5th grade students living in Colorado. Prizes are awarded to both the winning student and their teacher. We will recognize the statewide **2011 Colorado Arbor Day Poster Contest** winner with a ceremony at the Colorado State Capitol during Arbor Week in late April.

The theme for this year's contest is "*Celebrate Trees in Our Community*".

Only one entry per school or home school is allowed and all posters must be an original artwork created by the student. The entry deadline is 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday April 5, 2011. Submit posters in person or mail to:

Keith Wood
Colorado State Forest Service
9769 W. 119th Drive, Suite 12
Broomfield, Colorado 80021

Additional rules and submission requirements are available at the Colorado Tree Coalition website at www.coloradotrees.org. All posters submitted are the property of the Colorado Tree Coalition and will not be returned.

Teachers and students are encouraged to visit the Colorado Project Learning Tree website at www.coloradoplt.org for educational activities and creative ideas to link the poster contest with environmental learning opportunities. At this site you can also learn more about the United Nations 2011 International Year of the Forest.

About the Colorado Tree Coalition:

The Colorado Tree Coalition (CTC) is a 20 year old non-profit organization dedicated to preserving, renewing and enhancing community forests in Colorado. We provide educational programs, grants for tree planting and care, scholarships for CTC members to attend conferences and volunteer and networking opportunities for professionals and tree lovers from all areas. More information on the CTC and our programs is available at www.coloradotrees.org.