

MONTHLY CALENDAR



20 25



**FEATURING TEXAS STUDENT
SMOKEY BEAR POSTER
CONTEST WINNERS!**

Cover Artist: Rhone

Rhone

Congratulations to the Smokey Bear Poster Contest Winners:

Cover Art: **Rhone**
January: **Brennan**
February: **Adalyn**
March: **Kenzie**
April: **Lauren**
May: **Kyndall**
June: **Charlotte**

July: **Brynlee**
August: **Brailey**
September: **Elesia**
October: **Alyssa**
November: **Lena**
December: **Trapper**

Honorable Mentions:
Colt
Serenity
Skylar
Berkley
Brylee
Mariela

Smokey Bear is nationally recognized as the symbol for wildfire prevention. The original Smokey Bear first appeared in 1944. His message, "Only you can prevent wildfires", encourages personal responsibility for wildfire prevention. In Texas, nine out of ten wildfires are caused by humans. Our goal is to increase the knowledge and awareness of the public on wildfire prevention and outdoor fire safety.

Texas students from Kindergarten through 12th grade were invited to participate in a poster contest to spread Smokey Bear's wildfire prevention message. This 2025 monthly calendar features the winners of the 2024 Texas Smokey Bear Poster contest! Thank you to all the participants for supporting wildfire prevention in Texas!



Scan for more information on future Texas Smokey Bear Poster Contests and to see past winners!



Outdoor Fire Safety: How to prevent wildfires

Nine out of ten wildfires are caused by people. Follow these tips to enjoy the outdoors safely and responsibly.

DEBRIS BURNING

- Check for local outdoor burning bans and regulations.
- Stay updated on weather conditions and avoid burning on hot, dry or windy days.
- Keep your debris pile small and manageable with the ground cleared of anything flammable by at least 10 feet.
- Avoid overhead obstructions such as trees, powerlines and structures.
- Wet the area around the burn pile and keep a water source nearby.
- If using a burn barrel, choose a metal barrel in good condition with a metal screen placed on top with holes not larger than 5/8 inch. Have three evenly spaced 3 inch vents backed by metal screen near the bottom of the barrel to allow for air flow.
- Do NOT leave a fire unattended.

VEHICLE/EQUIPMENT USE

- Keep vehicles and equipment well maintained including proper tire inflation.
- Do not park, drive or idle in tall, dry grass. The undercarriage of the vehicle and exhaust can get hot enough to ignite the grass.
- Ensure tow chains are not dragging on the road.
- Monitor heavy equipment for overheating and regularly check for obstructions.
- When welding, grinding or cutting, clear and wet down the work area. Have a spotter and water or fire extinguisher on hand.
- Be mindful when using any outdoor equipment that generates heat, friction, or sparks such as tractors, hay balers, lawn mowers, chainsaws, welders, grinders, and cutting torches.
- Keep a fire extinguisher on heavy equipment.

CAMPFIRES AND GRILLING

- Check for local outdoor fire restrictions first.
- Build campfires in a cleared area and within a fire ring or pit, keeping it small.
- Place grills in a cleared area with no overhead obstructions
- Be mindful of children and pets near campfires and grills.
- After cooking, allow for coals to cool and dispose in a metal bucket.
- Do NOT travel with a lit or hot grill in the back of a truck or trailer!
- Never leave hot grills or campfires unattended and always have a water source nearby.



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prevention tips





Division 1
(K-2nd grade)
Winner
Artist: Brennan

JANUARY 2025

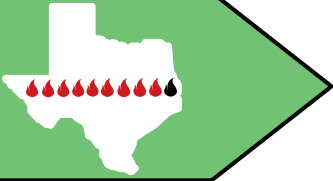
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29 Start out the year with Smokey Bear by ordering a Smokey Bear Texas license plate!	30  Scan to order yours today and support Texas wildfire preparedness programs	31  New Year's Eve	1 New Year's Day	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	28	29	30	31	

Always be careful with fire!



Division 1
(K-2nd grade)
Winner
Artist: Adalyn

FEBRUARY 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
<p>People and their activities cause about 90 percent of all wildfires in Texas. The largest number of human-caused wildfires is a result of careless debris burning. Other causes of wildfires include sparks from welding and grinding equipment, carelessly discarded smoking materials, vehicles' exhaust systems and arson.</p> 						
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	Valentine's Day 21	22
23	President's Day 24	25	26	27	28	

Only
You Can
Prevent
Wildfires



Division 1
(K-2nd grade)
Winner
Artist: Kenzie

MARCH

2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
23	24	25	26	27	28	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Daylight Savings Time Begins	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	St. Patrick's Day 24	25	26	First Day of Spring 27	28	29
30	31					

Safe Debris Burning:

- First check for local outdoor burning restrictions.
- Keep debris pile small and manageable.
- Clear ground of flammable material by 10 feet around pile and avoid overhead obstructions.
- Always have a water source nearby and do NOT leave a fire unattended.

ONLY YOU
CAN PREVENT
WILDFIRES

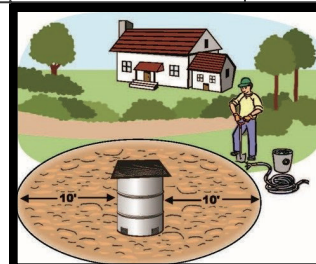


Division 2
 (3rd-5th grade)
 Winner
 Artist: Lauren

APRIL

2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Easter		Earth Day				
27	28	29	30			



Burn Barrel Use

- First, check for local outdoor burning restrictions.
- Use a metal barrel in good condition.
- Cover with a metal screen with holes no larger than 5/8 inch.
- Place 3 evenly-spaced screened vents near the bottom of the barrel.
- Always have a water source nearby and do not leave it burning unattended.



FIRE DANGER TODAY




ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FIRES

Division 2
(3rd-5th grade)
Winner
Artist: Kyndall

MAY

2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27 Scan for wildfire and emergency response information.	28 	29	30	1	2	3
4	5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Mother's Day	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Memorial Day	27	28	29	30	31

ONLY

YOU






CAN PREVENT WILDFIRES

Division 2
 (3rd-5th grade)
 Winner
 Artist: Charlotte

JUNE

2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Father's Day 22	23	24	25	Juneteenth 26	First Day of Summer 27	28
29	30	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div data-bbox="835 1274 1186 1502"> <p>FIREWORKS Monitor weather conditions. Do not use near dry grass. Have a water source nearby. Extinguish in a metal bucket of water. The safest fireworks are those left to the professionals!</p>  </div> <div data-bbox="1186 1274 1575 1502"> <p>CAMPING Keep campfires small and never leave unattended. If towing a boat or RV, ensure tow chains are not dragging. Stay on designated roads and avoid parking in dry grass.</p>  </div> <div data-bbox="1575 1274 1984 1502"> <p>GRILLING Avoid grilling with wood or charcoal on hot, dry, windy days. Place grill in an open space away from vegetation. Do not leave unattended. Allow coals to cool completely.</p>  </div> </div>				





No !!!!
fireworks
in
the forest

Division 3
 (6th-8th grade)
 Winner
 Artist: Brynlee

JULY

2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	 National Wildland Firefighter Day	10	Independence Day	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	<div data-bbox="1528 1263 1990 1524" data-label="Complex-Block"> <p>Safe Equipment Use to Prevent Wildfires</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dragging chains can cause sparks! Secure your tow chains. • Underinflated tires or tire failure can lead to a wildfire from wheel rims sparking on pavement. Check your tire pressure! • Remove accumulated grass and debris from moving parts and watch for overheating equipment. • Inspect belts, bearings, brakes, and other mechanical parts for failures or excessive heat.  </div>	

Only you can prevent forest

fires!








Protect their home.

Division 3
(6th-8th grade)
Winner
Artist: Brailey

AUGUST

2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT						
27	28	29	30	31	1	2						
												
	HAPPY 81st BIRTHDAY SMOKEY BEAR!!											
3	4	5	6	7	8							
10	11	12	13	14	15	16						
17	18	19	20	21	22	23						
24	25	26	27	28	29	30						
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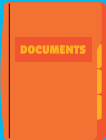

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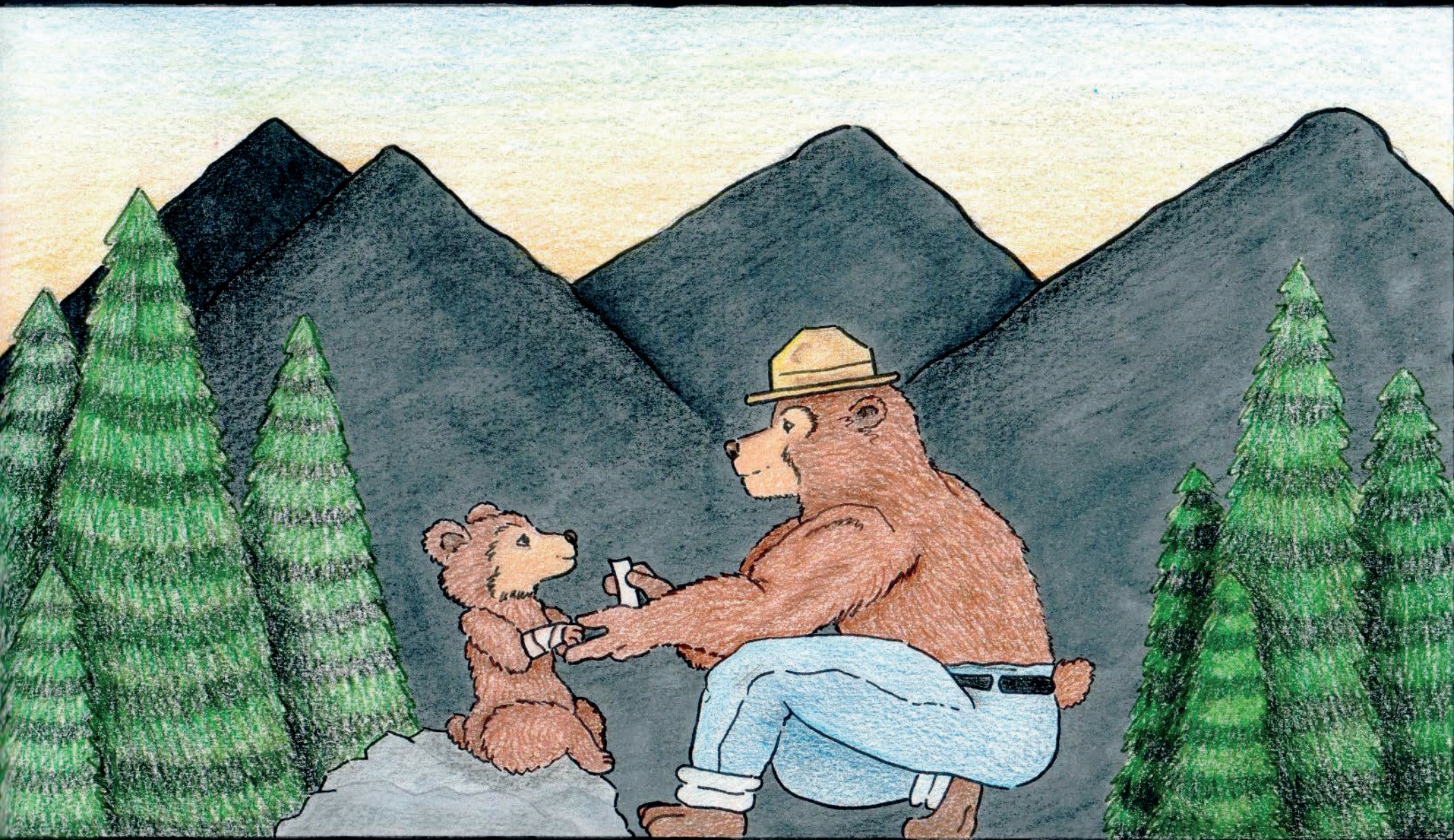
Don't Leave Fires
Unattended!!

Division 3
(6th-8th grade)
Winner
Artist: Elesia

SEPTEMBER 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31 National Preparedness Month	1 Labor Day	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 First Day of Fall	30	Create an Evacuation Plan for wildfires and other disasters! Begin with the 5 P's:  People and Pet Supplies Prescriptions Papers  Personal Needs Priceless Items EMERGENCY KIT			

PROTECT OUR FORESTS!



PREVENT WILDFIRES.

Division 4
 (9th-12th grade)
 Winner
 Artist: Alyssa

OCTOBER 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	National Fire Prevention Week					
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Columbus Day					
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	
					Halloween	

Fall Fire Prevention







- Compost or bag leaves instead of burning them.
- Be mindful of outdoor activities. Embers can travel on windy days.
- If you're roasting marshmallows or around the fire pit, keep it in designated areas, have water nearby and fully extinguish flames.

ONLY YOU



Division 4
 (9th-12th grade)
 Winner
 Artist: Lena

NOVEMBER 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26 	27	28  Thank you, Texas, for preventing wildfires!	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Daylight Savings Time Ends					Texas Arbor Day	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
		Veteran's Day				
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 15%;"> <p>Prevent wildfires when hunting!</p>  </div> <div style="width: 25%;"> <p>Check for restrictions: before starting a campfire, check for local burn bans.</p>  </div> <div style="width: 25%;"> <p>Report fires with 9-1-1: Report the fire's location and what is in danger.</p>  </div> <div style="width: 25%;"> <p>Watch where you park: Avoid parking or idling vehicles (including ATV/UTVs) over dry grass.</p>  </div> <div style="width: 20%;"> <p>Be prepared: Have a fire extinguisher, bucket of water and shovel ready.</p> </div> </div>					
				Thanksgiving		



Only you
can prevent
Wild FIRES

Division 4
(9th-12th grade)
Winner
Artist: Trapper

DECEMBER

2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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First Day of Winter			Christmas Eve	Christmas Day		
			New Year's Eve			

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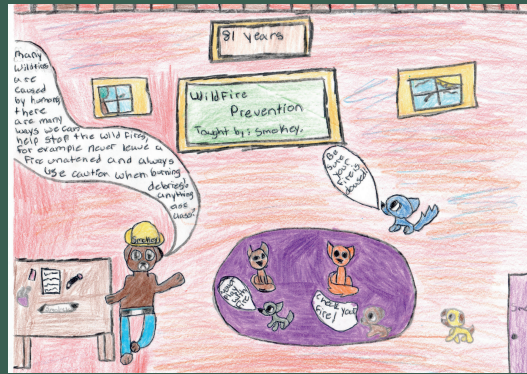
During the winter holiday season, debris burning and equipment use make up 68% of all wildfires. These include: brush pile burning, burning leaves, unsafe burning of household trash, vehicle exhaust, loose trailer chains or dragging metal, farm equipment, and welding. Be cautious when traveling and celebrating this holiday season! Do your part and don't let a wildfire start!



HONORABLE MENTIONS



Artist: Colt



Artist: Serenity



Artist: Skylar



Artist: Berkley



Artist: Brylee



Artist: Mariela

Thank you to all Texas students who participated in the Smokey Bear Poster Contest!



Scan the QR code for more information on wildfire prevention, preparedness and more!

