

the *real trees* of richland county

Get to know the **real trees** in your backyard!

Arbor Day falls on Friday, Dec. 1 this year, and Richland County students in grades preK-12 are invited to celebrate our local trees by participating in the Richland County Arbor Day Youth Contest. Winners will receive \$25 cash prizes! Entries may be individual, group or class projects, but only one cash prize will be awarded per winning entry. The contest is open to preK-12 students who live in or attend school in Richland County.

Submission deadline is Friday, Nov. 3. See reverse for details!



Sweetgum



Palmetto



Live Oak



Southern Magnolia



Eastern Redbud



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2017 Arbor Day Youth Contest Student Instructions

Step 1: Choose a specific tree in your yard, neighborhood, school or local park.

Step 2: Learn as much as you can about the tree. Use these questions to spark your imagination and kick-start your research:

What species does it belong to?

How old is it?

What kind of fruit or seed does it produce?

What color are its leaves in the fall or flowers in the spring?

What is its taxonomic classification?

How does this tree affect you?

What is its role in the ecosystem where it lives?

What is the history of this tree or tree species in Richland County?

Where is this species found?

Step 3: Share what you've learned about your tree by creating a video, biography or Arbor Day ornament.

Visit www.rcgov.us/rswcd to download the entry form and to read guidelines for submitting entries.

For more information, contact the Richland Soil and Water Conservation District at RichlandSWCD@gmail.com or 803-576-2080.