

MAY THE FOREST BE WITH YOU, ALWAYS.

The phrase carries a message of respect, appreciation, and harmony with nature, specifically highlighting the forest environment. It suggests that we should recognize the value of forests and the benefits they provide to us and for our future generations.

Forests are vital ecosystems that support diverse plant and animal life. They provide clean air and water, give us food, fuel, and other forest products, as well as help combat climate change by absorbing carbon dioxide. They offer recreational opportunities, serve as habitats for wildlife, and contribute to the overall well-being of the planet.

By saying "May the forest be with you, always," it's a way of expressing a desire for people to be mindful of the forests and to maintain a strong connection with nature. It encourages us to protect and preserve these important natural resources so that they can continue to thrive and benefit us in the long run.

The annual NACD Poster Contest provides students from kindergarten through 12th grade the chance to have their art displayed as part of a national conservation outreach initiative. Each year, the winning posters reflect NACD's annual Stewardship theme and highlight the work of conservation districts and their state conservation associations, auxiliaries, and agencies to protect and enhance natural resources. The contest starts at the district level; winners advance to the state level, and then to the national level, where they receive recognition at NACD's annual meeting.

All entries at the local and state-level contest must be submitted by the due dates set by your local conservation district. Posters for the national contest will only be accepted from state poster contest organizers.

Find contact information for your local conservation district on [NACD's Conservation District Directory](https://www.nacdnet.org/general-resources/conservation-district-directory/) at: <https://www.nacdnet.org/general-resources/conservation-district-directory/>

The poster contest is open to public, private, and home-schooled students. All poster submissions must be sponsored by a local conservation district. For more information please scan the QR code in upper right corner of this page.

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ME! >>>



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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS STEWARDSHIP WEEK 2024

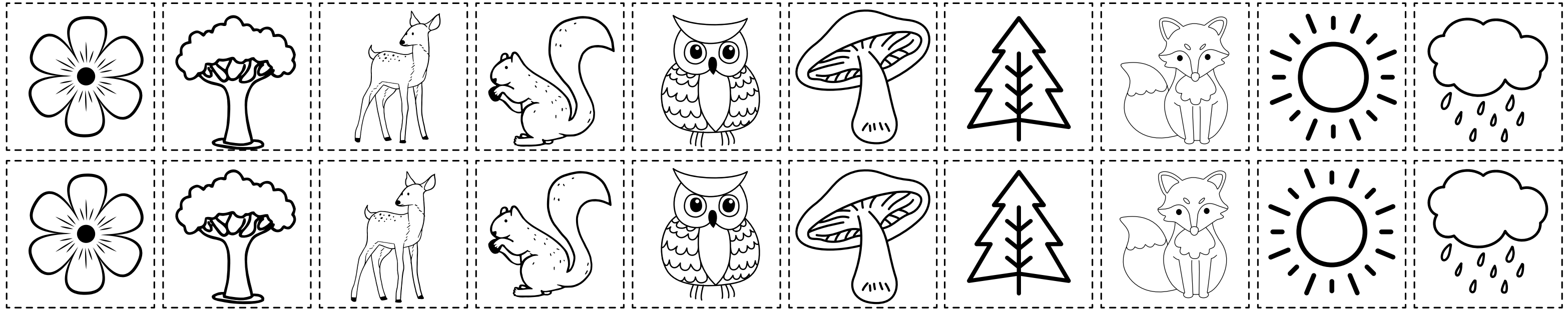


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MINI MATCH-UP FOREST ACTIVITY CARDS

COLOR ME!

CUT ON THE DOTTED LINES TO MAKE 20 CARDS



HELP THIS SQUIRREL GET THROUGH THE TREE RING MAZE TO THE ACORN!

START HERE



White Oak Leaf



Maple Leaf



Pine Tree Needles and Cones

MINI MATCH-UP FOREST ACTIVITY CARDS INSTRUCTIONS

1. Color and cut cards out.
2. Shuffle the cards and place them face-down.
3. Let the players take turns flipping two cards at a time.
4. The goal is to find matching pairs by remembering the location of different cards.
5. If a player successfully matches a pair, they keep the cards and get another turn.
6. If the cards do not match, the player flips them back over, and it becomes the next player's turn.
7. The game continues until all the matching pairs have been found.
8. The player with the most pairs at the end is the winner.

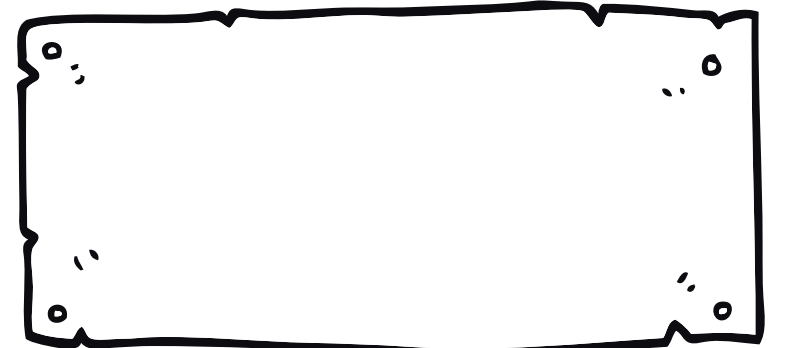
Did you know that forests are often called the "lungs of the Earth"?

They play a vital role in producing oxygen and absorbing carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas that contributes to climate change.

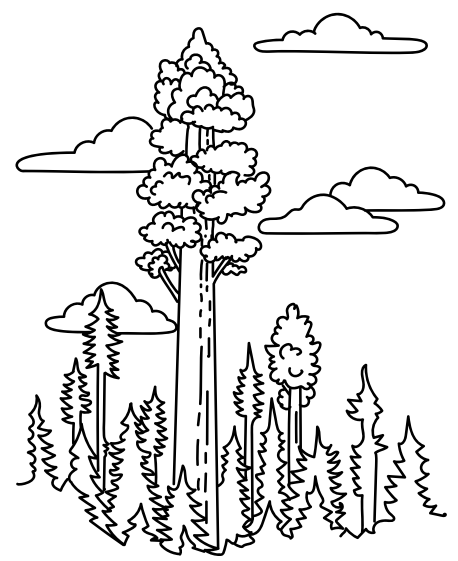
Forests help to clean the air we breathe and regulate the Earth's climate, making them crucial for maintaining a healthy planet.



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TREE TRIVIA



1. I am a massive _____ tree. I can grow up to 300 feet tall and have a trunk diameter of over 30 feet.
2. Trees have special cells in their leaves called chloroplasts that contain a green pigment called chlorophyll. Chlorophyll captures energy from sunlight, which is then used to convert carbon dioxide and water into glucose (sugar) and oxygen. This process is called _____.
3. I am a _____ tree. My species is known for shedding its leaves in the fall and regrowing them in the spring. In the fall, my leaves change color and eventually fall off, and in the spring, new leaves grow back.

1. Giant Sequoia.
2. Photosynthesis.
3. Deciduous

HELICOPTER SEEDS: AIRBORNE ADVENTURES WITH SAMARAS!



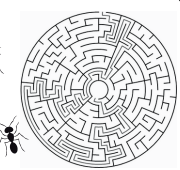
A samara is a type of seed with a wing-like structure that enables it to be carried by the wind. They are called helicopters because when they fall from trees and spin as they descend, their wing-like structures resemble the rotating blades of a helicopter.

Samaras are commonly found in trees belonging to the maple (Acer) family, such as sugar maple (Acer saccharum), silver maple (Acer saccharinum), and red maple (Acer rubrum). However, samaras can also be found in other tree species, including ash (Fraxinus), elm (Ulmus), and hop hornbeam (Ostrya).

What is?

A CONSERVATION DISTRICT?

A conservation district is an organization or group that works to protect and preserve natural resources in a specific area. They focus on promoting sustainable practices and educating people about the importance of taking care of the environment. Conservation districts often collaborate with farmers, landowners, and communities to implement conservation practices such as soil erosion control, water quality improvement, wildlife habitat preservation, and more.



TREE MAZE SOLUTION

COMPLIMENTS OF YOUR LOCAL SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT DISTRICT - PLACE LABEL HERE WITH CONTACT INFORMATION