

Smokey Bear's Reading Challenge



Help Smokey by learning how to prevent wildfires and help the environment. Complete the challenge by:

- Taking Smokey's Pledge.
- Reading three books about wildfire prevention or the environment.
- Earning 4 badges by completing at least one activity listed for that badge.



Take the Smokey Bear Pledge

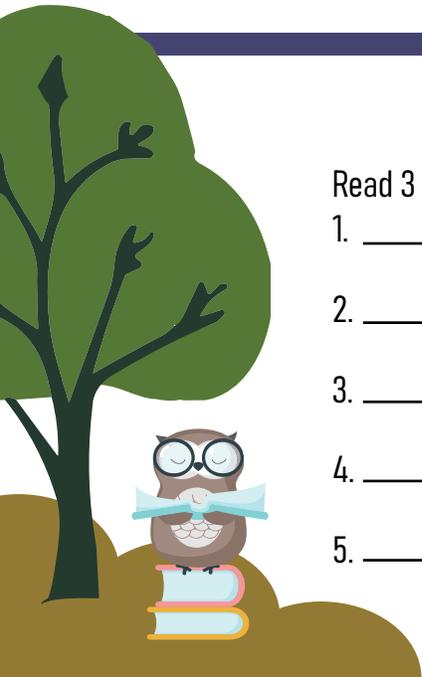
I, _____ pledge to:
(Your Name)

- Never play with matches, lighters, or fire.
- Always have an adult present when having an outdoor fire.
- Never leave a fire unattended.
- Always have water and a shovel to put out the campfire.
- Always camp in a designated site and use a metal fire ring for the campfire.
- Always make sure the campfire is completely out before leaving it - remember to use the Drown, Stir, Drown, and Feel method.

Log Your Books Here!

Read 3 or more books on wildfire prevention or the environment.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____



Learn About Smokey Bear

- Read the *Story of Smokey* on smokeybear.com to learn his history.
- Draw a picture of Smokey and include one of his safety tips.
- Find out what kind of bear Smokey is and when and where he was born.
- Research some of Smokey's favorite foods (based on what kind of bear he is), and then tell a friend.
- Make as many words as you can using just the letters in "Only You Can Prevent Wildfires."



Campfire Safety

- Name 2 or more of Smokey's wildfire rules from smokeybear.com.
- Write a poem about campfire safety.
- Tell a friend or family member about campfire safety.
- Write a song about campfire safety.
- Make a campfire safety rule poster to take with you when you go camping.
- Complete the Smokey Bear Mission at agentsofdiscovery.com.

Nature Adventure

- Visit a park, forest, or nature center and go on a hike.
- Go camping with your family.
- Choose a color and go outside. See how many things you can find that are that color.
- Observe five different kinds of leaves from outside and draw them.
- Find out the state bird, flower, and insect for your state.

Tree Exploration

- Find out the name of your state tree.
- Check out a field guide to trees from your library and see how many trees you can identify in your neighborhood.
- Identify three things that come from trees.
- Learn the word for "tree" in three different languages.
- Visit an arboretum.

Career Exploration

- Check out a book from the library on a natural resource career.
- Explore different natural resource careers at eekwi.org/engage/careers.
- Read a Fire Career card (grades 4+) or a *Natural Inquirer* Reader (grades K-3) at naturalinquirer.org.
- Draw a picture of yourself in an environmental career, such as a forester, ranger, or biologist.
- Interview a park or forest ranger.

Wildfire Science

- Read a *Natural Inquirer* article about fire at naturalinquirer.org.
- Design a coloring book at smokeybear.com.
- List the three parts of a the fire triangle.
- Download the app Smokey's Scouts and learn how to prevent fires with a fun matching game.
- Complete at least one activity in the National Park Service's Junior Fire Ranger Activity Book at nps.gov.

Make a Difference

- Plant native flowers that attract pollinators.
- Replace a disposable item in your home with a reusable one.
- Hang your laundry outdoors instead of using a dryer.
- Talk to a friend about a book you read during this challenge.
- Volunteer for two hours in your community.

