



## 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

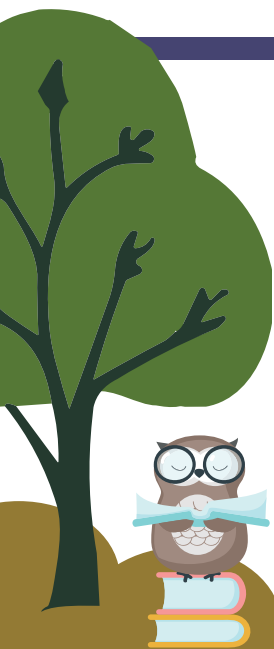
I, \_\_\_\_\_ pledge to:  
(Your Name)

- ☐ 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://eekwi.org/engage/careers).
- ☐ Read a Fire Career card (grades 4+) or a *Natural Inquirer* Reader (grades K-3) at [naturalinquirer.org](http://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](http://naturalinquirer.org).
- ☐ Design a coloring book at [smokeybear.com](http://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](http://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.

