



Forest Service
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Smokey Bear's Reading Challenge



Help Smokey celebrate his 80th birthday by learning how to prevent wildfires and help the environment. Read 3 books and earn 4 badges to complete the challenge and earn your prize! Start by taking Smokey's Pledge. Badges are earned by completing at least one activity in each section.



Take the Smokey Bear Pledge

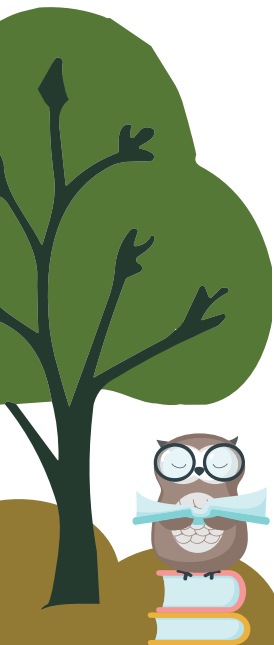
I, _____ pledge to:
(Your Name)

- ☐ 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. You can choose books from Smokey's Reading list (available at smokeybear.com) or pick your own.

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 on a nature exploration of your school yard.
- ☐ 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 or schoolyard.
- ☐ 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 your library on a natural resource career.
- ☐ Explore different natural resource careers at eekwi.org/engage/careers.
- ☐ Read a Fire Career card (grades 4+) or an *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 about fire careers 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 about 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 or teacher about a book you read during this challenge.
- ☐ Volunteer for two hours in your community or at your school.

