

# Smokey Bear 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. Get a stamp for each badge you complete.



## Take the Smokey Bear Pledge

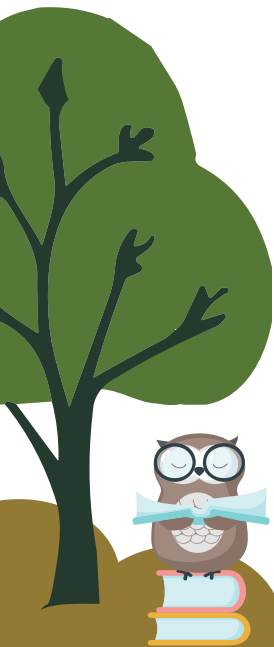
I, \_\_\_\_\_ pledge to:  
(Your Name)

- 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](http://smokeybear.com)) or pick your own.

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) 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.



## 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 [ekwi.org/engage/careers](http://ekwi.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 on 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 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](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.

