



2025 – 2026 FAIRCHILD CHALLENGE
Challenge 6: “Branch Out”



Maximum points for challenge: 200 points

Panel Date: _____

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS:

- Research and data collection focuses on tree-community health and is presented in a poster or trifold format

Criteria	Max. Points	Judge 1 Initials:	Judge 2 Initials:	Judge 3 Initials:	Judge 4: Initials:
Structure	70				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poster contains typed or hand-written sections describing scientific process, results, and conclusion • Includes at least 2 labeled charts, graphs, and maps that clearly support findings. • Includes at least 3 photographs related to data collection • Includes a written analysis of at least three specific tree–community health connections 					
Research	70				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research is clear, specific, and has a research question that directly investigates connections between tree health and community health. • Purpose is easy to understand and well-defined. • Strong, evidence-based conclusions with thoughtful recommendations for improving tree and community health. 					
Effort	30				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poster is neat, visually engaging, and well-organized. • Project displays creativity and originality. • Project shows thorough research, effort, and critical thinking. 					
Writing Skills/Effort	20				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project is well-written with proper grammar, spelling and punctuation used throughout • Project contains at least 3 works cited in APA or MLA 					
TOTAL	190				

Comments: _____

School:	Student(s):		
Requirements (10 points)			
Project is labeled with full school name (no acronyms please) and student(s) names	3 points _____		
Entry Form submitted with entry.	1 points _____		
Submission meets format requirements (trifold poster)	4 points _____		
Submitted on time (late entries may not receive points)	2 points _____		
Meets Requirements (circle one): Y / N	<table border="1"><tr><td>_____</td></tr><tr><td>10 points</td></tr></table>	_____	10 points

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2. TOTAL SCORE: ADD REQUIREMENTS TO AVERAGE _____

Award Placement: Please specify that rationale for awarding this entry.