



Design a Tree House Poster Competition

About the Competition:

Blue Forest are delighted to be running a poster competition for the [Sevenoaks School Science Week 2015 \(March 2-6\)](#). The aim of the competition is to raise awareness of the fields of design, architecture and engineering and to inspire the children by letting them unleash their imaginations in the design of a fantastic luxury tree house.

Based near Tunbridge Wells, Blue Forest (www.blueforest.com) is a unique company that specialises in the design and construction of luxurious tree houses and unique sustainable buildings. Blue Forest have built over 150 tree houses around the world. Our portfolio includes everything from fairy-tale tree house castles to kid's dens, tree house classrooms and even exclusive treetop accommodation.

The competition is open to Primary School Children in Key Stage 1 (5-7 yrs old) and Key Stage 2 (7-11 yrs old). If you are a teacher we would love you to ask the children in your class to join the competition. Please don't worry if your whole class aren't entering the competition. We would still love individual children to enter if they wish. We have created 2 categories, the first for Key Stage 1 and the other for Key Stage 2.

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How to Enter:

Entries to the Blue Forest Tree House Poster Competition should be submitted on A4 or A3 paper and sent to the address below by Friday 27th February 2015. Please include:

- A title or name for your tree house
- School name and competition category
- Child's name, age and address on the reverse of your poster so we can contact you if you win!

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What The Judges are Looking For:

A panel of professionals from Blue Forest (including Blue Forest's founder Andy Payne, RIBA architect Marc Storms & 3D architectural designer Matthew Harwood) will judge the award.

We are looking for innovative, creative and colourful designs that answer the briefs provided for each entry category (Key Stages 1 & 2). Competitors' designs can span a wide spectrum of creativity and technical ability; from detailed "real-world" tree house design ideas to outlandish and imaginative creations. The theme for the Sevenoaks School Science Week is "Science and Digital Skills" so don't be scared to include any futuristic or digital technology in your design if you wish to!

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Category A - Key Stage 1, Ages 5-7 yrs.

Design a Fun Children's Tree House

Design Brief:

A family of 4 would like to build a fun and adventurous tree house for their children to play in. There are 2 children, one boy aged 5 and one girl aged 7. The tree house is to be built around an old beech tree at the end of the families garden. It will need to be an attractive feature for the garden and have views back towards the family house (so the parents can keep an eye on the kids while they are playing). You will need to think about what materials you will use to make the tree house and which play features you will include. Dad is a 'big kid' a would really like to include a zip wire and a rope bridge, whilst Mum would like to include a cosy area for the kids to play and read books and even do their homework in the trees.

You may want to consider:

- **Play items** (swings, slides, climbing nets, climbing walls, fireman's pole, etc.)
- **Different rooms** (this could include secret rooms, a girls den, a boys den, upstairs and downstairs.)
- **Architectural features** (towers, turrets, shape, style, secret tunnels etc.)
- **Furniture** (perhaps the kids will want to store toys, or have sleepovers, etc.)
- **Health and Safety** (how high should the tree house be? how will you protect the children from falling and hurting themselves?)
- **Lighting & Electricity** (does the tree house need electricity for lights or heating.)

We have also attached some design notes from our team – See Blue Forest Survey Form...

Category B - Key Stage 2, Ages 7-11 yrs.

Design a Sustainable High-tec Tree House of The Future

Design Brief:

A wealthy client would like to build a sustainable, high-tec tree house on his private island so he has somewhere to stay on holidays. The client loves to invite his friends to the island and will want to show off his new tree house so it needs to be eye catching and look as cool as possible. In order to get permission to build the tree house on the island it will need to be as sustainable, what is more there is no electricity supply on the island so you will need to think how you may generate power. The tree house should be big enough for 6 adults to stay in and will need a small kitchen and at least 1 bathroom. The client loves his gadgets, watching films and would like to include some adventurous play features (perhaps a slide into the sea or a long zip wire.)

You may want to consider:

- **Support system** (it could be in a tree, near trees, hanging from trees, etc.)
- **Construction materials** (are there any high-tec / modern materials you could consider, are they sustainable.)
- **Architectural features** (a plunge pool, outdoor dining or chill out area, etc.)
- **High-tec elements** (what makes your tree house look like a tree house of the future.)
- **Health and Safety** (how high up will the tree house be, what is the weather like on your island, will the tree house be strong enough.)
- **Fun Features** (what makes the tree house fun, a zip wire, a long water slide, a cinema room, etc.)

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Useful Links:

Blue Forest: <http://www.blueforest.com/>

Houzz: <http://www.houzz.com/treehouse/ls=2>

TreeHugger: <http://bit.ly/14X00XO>

Competition Prize:

The winners for each category of the competition will be revealed at The Sevenoaks School Science Week (2-6 March).

The winners will each receive a complimentary stay for their whole family in one of the new Woodland Lodges, nestled deep within Alton Towers' latest resort The Enchanted Village (opening April 2015). The package worth over £300.00 includes breakfast and 2 days entry to the park. The Enchanted Village is Alton Towers latest resort, besides the Woodland Lodges the resort also features 5 new Luxury Tree Houses, designed and built by Blue Forest.

The winning children will be presented with their prize along with a Winner's Trophy by a member of the Blue Forest team.

Subject to Availability, Terms and Conditions Apply.*



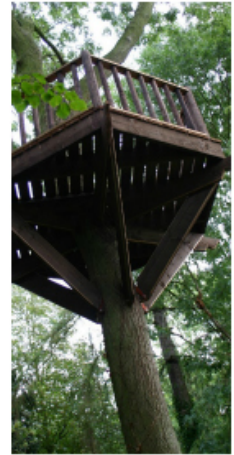
****Enchanted Village Terms and Conditions***

Prize is for four people to stay at the Alton Towers Resort's Enchanted Village in a woodland lodge. Prize is valid between 20th April – 1st July (excluding 22nd-31st May) and between 1st September – 15th October. Subject to availability and non-transferrable. Will not be valid during any concerts or special events. Includes breakfast & 2 day entry to the theme park. All other items and chargeable extras are not included, such as entrance to the Alton Towers Waterpark, Extraordinary Golf, Tree Top Quest or the Alton Towers spa. Full terms at www.altontowers.com.

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Check List:

Before sending us your tree house design poster competition entry please ensure they are all:

- On A4 or A3 Paper
- Labelled on the reverse with child's name, child's age, address, school name and competition category
- Drawings, paintings, computer designs or collages only please – do not use photographs

Please post your entry to arrive before the **deadline of Friday 27th February 2015** to:

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