



## **Smyrna Tree Board Meeting - Final**

August 30, 2023

6:30 PM

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**D. 2023-182** Booth Improvement Brainstorming: Swag; Booth Improvements

1. If I were a tree: Have a Display of trees, ie., picture of an Oak "Strong as an Oak"; "Tall as a pine" - have additional info on each type of tree. kids pick what kind of tree they would like to be. Have blank stickers that say: I am a \_\_\_\_\_ tree! Have the kid fill in the sticker to wear around the festival.
2. Tree Ranger Program/ Johnny Appleseed Program -( partner w/ the City Library): Purchase seeds from seed distributors (maybe various fruit trees ?) and either give tree seeds away for kids to plant or have kids make their own seed packet to take home to plant. (The Board used to partner w/ the City Library prior to the festivals - the Library would do some sort of educational program and the Board would follow up - maybe the city has books on how to plant a tree, or Johnny Appleseed books and we would reference & give the seeds away)....
3. Lollipop tree. Making it the first time would be the biggest lift, but then we'd be able to reuse fairly easily. Could incorporate tree questions as part of it. <https://www.carnivalsavers.com/free-game-ideas/diy-lollipop-tree.html>
4. Bird feeder kit - Not too related to us and sort of messy, but an idea to keep kids entertained and at the booth. <https://www.zumbrota.info/uncategorized/kids-take-and-make-kits-bird-feeders/>
5. We could get a blank canvas and have some sort of interactive art and have everyone add a sticker or draw a part of a tree and see what it looks like on Sunday? Any art group/school that we could give it to?
6. We haven't done a tree planting in some time. Are there any new parks/schools in the area that we could partner with and advertise? Could revamp it when school is back in session.
7. Advertise some of the plants that we are trying to give away and have people pre-register for them to be picked up at the festival?
8. Handout of a list of companies that plant a tree each time you buy their product.
9. A "Tree Knowledge Trivia" contest...with a grand prize! Visitors will submit a card with their answers to 5-10 questions. Only those who get all answers correct are eligible to be in the drawing to win the grand prize.
10. Smyrna tree scavenger's hunt
11. Blank sheets of paper with crayons/markers where kids can draw pictures of their favorite tree/s
12. A display of common tree leaves so that visitors can learn to ID the trees in their own yard.
13. A Tree ring display that will allow visitors to visualize how old their trees might be and how big they can get.
14. Info on the best trees to use in a suburban / smaller yard emphasizing native trees.
15. Info on what homeowners can look for in tree health issues and when they need to contact an arborist.
16. A give-a-way of a hanging tree air freshener...see this link...