

Alabama's state tree is the Longleaf Pine

## Alabama State Statistics

Active Arbor Day Foundation  
members in Alabama  
**12,400**



### TREE CITY USA® Program in Alabama:

Tree City USA Communities: **79**

Total population served: **1,664,897**

Largest Tree City USA in Alabama:  
**Mobile, population 272,630**

Smallest Tree City USA in Alabama:  
**Myrtlewood, population 141**

Arbor Day Poster Contest  
Participants in Alabama:  
**300 Fifth grade classrooms**  
**7,500 Fifth grade students**

Arbor Day Award Winners  
from Alabama: **4**

**Alabama celebrates Arbor Day  
during the last full week of February**



# Alabama

## Arbor Day Foundation Launches Youth Education Program – Nature Explore

**I**n growing efforts to reconnect young children with nature, Nature Explore Classrooms are being planned and built throughout the country.

These unique outdoor learning environments continue to prove effective in helping young children have positive, multi-sensory experiences with nature while inspiring a sense of wonder.

Several states currently have Nature Explore Classrooms already under construction at early childhood centers, botanical gardens, elementary schools, and day care settings. Classrooms are built using concepts from the *Learning With Nature Idea Book* in addition to assistance from landscape architects or early childhood educators.



## Alabama Members Plant 101,525 Trees

**T**he Arbor Day Foundation's dedicated members are making a difference by planting trees in their communities across the United States. Our 12,400 Alabama members have helped plant more than 101,525 trees across the state in 2007.

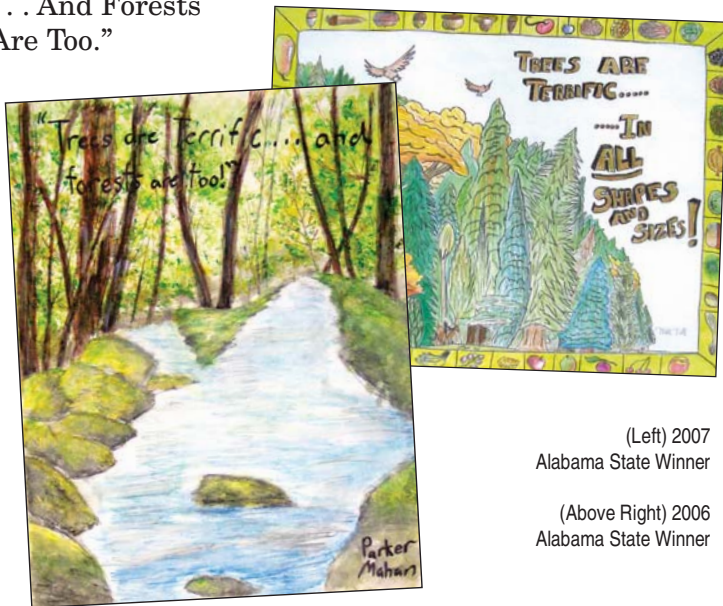
Trees provide numerous benefits to us and our environment. Whether it is planting just one or the thousands of trees mentioned above, our members in Alabama have added beauty to their homes and neighborhoods, increased their property value, attracted birds and other wildlife, provided shade and windbreaks, decreased energy costs, and created a more livable community.



## Thousands of Alabama Students Take Part in Arbor Day Poster Contest

Each year, the Arbor Day Foundation coordinates the Arbor Day National Poster Contest, sponsored by Toyota, for fifth graders in classrooms across the country. Now in its sixteenth year, the contest touches millions of children with its message about the importance of trees and wise environmental stewardship.

During the 2007 contest, more than 7,500 Alabama fifth-grade students had the opportunity to learn the importance of tree diversity in a community forest. Parker M., who attends Chapman Elementary School, was named the state contest winner. His winning poster depicted many beautiful large and small trees in a forest to convey the contest's 2007 theme, "Trees Are Terrific . . . And Forests Are Too."



(Left) 2007  
Alabama State Winner

(Above Right) 2006  
Alabama State Winner

## Alabama Tree City USAs Support Community Forestry

The Arbor Day Foundation's Tree City USA program encourages, supports and strengthens effective urban and community forestry programs in diverse communities nationwide through recognition, education, and publicity. From the humble beginning of the program 32 years ago, it has grown to be the leading community forestry recognition program in the country, with over 3,200 designated Tree City USAs across America.

Tree City USA is thriving in Alabama because of the strong partnership between the Arbor Day Foundation and the Alabama Forestry Commission. Alabama boasts 79 certified Tree City USA communities. Last year, Alabama's Tree City USAs spent a combined total of \$17,337,716 on their urban forestry budgets benefiting the more than 1.6 million Alabama residents who live in those communities. The dedication of Alabama's urban and community foresters, city officials, and citizens to planting and caring for trees in their cities and towns helps increase energy savings, clean the air and water and beautify the entire state.



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