

Arkansas's state tree is the Pine

Arkansas State Statistics

Active Arbor Day Foundation members in Arkansas
11,828



TREE CITY USA® Program in Arkansas:

Tree City USA Communities: **45**
Total population served: **732,651**

Largest Tree City USA in Arkansas:
Little Rock, population 183,133

Smallest Tree City USA in Arkansas:
Beaver, population 95

Arbor Day Award Winners from Arkansas: **1**

Arbor Day Poster Contest Participants in Arkansas:
3,000 Fifth grade classrooms
75,000 Fifth grade students

Arkansas celebrates Arbor Day on the third Monday in March



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Arbor Day Foundation Launches Youth Education Program – Nature Explore

In 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.



Arkansas Members Plant 93,789 Trees

The Arbor Day Foundation's dedicated members are making a difference by planting trees in their communities across the United States. Our 11,828 Arkansas members have helped plant more than 93,789 trees across the state in 2007.

James Howard, a loyal member from Arkadelphia, Arkansas has been planting Foundation membership trees since 1997.

Recently James shared with us a photo of his nine year old Hawthorne tree. With wonderful, dedicated members like James, Arkansas will always have a strong and majestic tree presence.



Mr. Howard's nine year old Hawthorne tree.

Thousands of Arkansas Students Take Part in Arbor Day Poster Contest

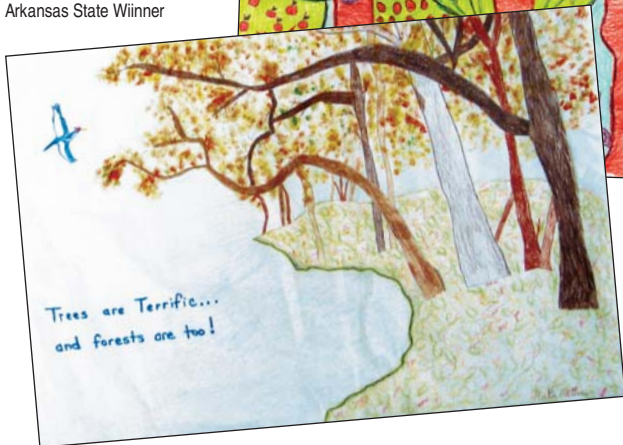
Each year, the Arbor Day Foundation coordinates the Arbor Day National Poster Contest, sponsored by Toyota, for fifth graders in classrooms across the country. Now in its sixteenth year, the contest touches millions of children with its message about the importance of trees and wise environmental stewardship.

During the 2007 contest, more than 75,000 Arkansas students had the opportunity to learn the importance of tree diversity in a community forest. Katie M., who attends Beebe Middle School, was named the state contest winner. Her winning poster depicted many beautiful large and small trees in the forest to convey the contest's 2007 theme, "Trees Are Terrific . . . And Forests Are Too."

(Right) 2006
Arkansas State Winner



(Below) 2007
Arkansas State Winner



Arkansas 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 Arkansas because of the strong partnership between the Arbor Day Foundation and the Arkansas Forestry Commission. Arkansas boasts 45 certified Tree City USA communities. Last year, Arkansas's Tree City USAs spent a combined total of \$5,096,915 on their urban forestry budgets benefiting the more than 700,000 Arkansas residents who live in those communities. The dedication of Arkansas'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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