



California's state tree is the California Redwood

California State Statistics

Active Arbor Day Foundation members in California
39,938



TREE CITY USA®

Program in California:

Tree Cities: **152**

Total population served: **19,503,990**

Largest Tree City USA in California
Los Angeles, population 3,900,000

Smallest Tree City USA in California:
Weed, population 3,000

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

Arbor Day Award Winners
from California: **39**

California celebrates Arbor Day
March 7-14



California

Arbor Day Foundation and Toyota to Plant Trees at the University of California, San Diego

The Arbor Day Foundation announces the launch of Tree Campus USA, a new program sponsored by Toyota. Tree Campus USA is designed to award national recognition to college campuses, and to the leaders of their surrounding communities, for promoting healthy urban forest management and engaging the campus community in environmental stewardship.



As a way to celebrate the launch of the Tree Campus USA program, the Arbor Day Foundation will host a tree-planting event at the University of California, San Diego which will add up to 100 large trees to the campus. The University of California, San Diego was selected from a pool of applicants of college campuses throughout the country. The University of California, San Diego students will participate in the tree-planting event on campus along with area students and community members. This event will be a wonderful opportunity to engage a new generation of tree planters.

California Members Plant 192,791 Trees

The Arbor Day Foundation's dedicated members are making a difference by planting trees in their communities across the United States. Our 39,938 California members have helped plant more than 192,791 trees across the state in the last year.

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 California have just 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 California 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 seventeenth year, the contest touches millions of children with its message about the importance of trees and wise environmental stewardship.

During the 2008 contest, more than 75,000 California fifth-grade students had the opportunity to learn the importance of tree diversity in a community forest. William C. was named the state contest winner. His winning poster depicted many beautiful large trees illustrating the contest's 2008 theme, "Trees Are Terrific...Inside and Out!"



(Above) 2007 California State Winner



(Right) 2008 California State Winner

California 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 33 years ago, it has grown to be the leading community forestry recognition program in the country, with over 3,300 designated Tree City USAs across America.

Tree City USA is thriving in California because of the strong partnership between the Arbor Day Foundation and the California Dept. of Forestry & Fire Protection. California boasts 152 certified Tree City USA communities. Last year, California's Tree City USAs spent a combined total of \$134,967,539 on their urban forestry budgets benefiting the more than 18 million California residents who live in those communities. The dedication of California'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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