



Colorado's state tree is the Blue Spruce

Colorado State Statistics

Active Arbor Day Foundation members in Colorado
14,261



TREE CITY USA®

Program in Colorado:

Tree City USA Communities: **91**
Total population served: **3,315,705**

Largest Tree City USA in Colorado
Denver, population 579,744

Smallest Tree City USA in Colorado:
Campo, population 154

Arbor Day Poster Contest
Participants in Colorado:
1,300 Fifth grade classrooms
32,500 Fifth grade students

Arbor Day Award Winners
from Colorado: **30**

**Arbor Day is celebrated on the
third Friday in April in Colorado**



Colorado

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.



Colorado Members Plant 110,097 Trees

The Arbor Day Foundation's dedicated members are making a difference by planting trees in their communities across the United States. Our 14,261 Colorado members have helped plant more than 110,097 trees across the state in 2007.

Barbara Masters, a loyal member from Akron, Colorado has been planting Foundation membership trees since 1986. Recently Barbara shared with us a photo of her trees. With wonderful, dedicated members like Barbara, Colorado will always have a strong and majestic tree presence.



Barbara Masters, a member from Colorado, shared this photo of trees she has planted.

Thousands of Colorado 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 32,500 Colorado fifth-grade students had the opportunity to learn the importance of tree diversity in a community forest. Sne W. was named the state contest winner.

Her winning poster depicted many different types of large and small trees to depict the contest's 2006 theme, "Trees Are Terrific... And Forests Are Too"



(Left) 2007 Colorado State Winner



(Above Right) 2006 Colorado State Winner

Colorado 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 Colorado because of the strong partnership between the Arbor Day Foundation and the Colorado State Forest Service. Colorado boasts 91 certified Tree City USA communities. Last year, Colorado's Tree City USAs spent a combined total of \$25,915,936 on their urban forestry budgets benefiting the more than 3.3 million Colorado residents who live in those communities. The dedication of Colorado'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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