



Delaware's state tree is the American Holly.

Delaware State Statistics

Active Arbor Day Foundation members in Delaware
3,215



TREE CITY USA®

Program in Delaware:

Tree City USA Communities: **21**

Total population served: **189,093**

Largest Tree City USA in Delaware:
Wilmington, population 73,135

Smallest Tree City USA in Delaware:
Odessa, population 235

Arbor Day Poster Contest
Participants in Delaware:
500 Fifth grade classrooms
12,500 Fifth grade students

**Delaware celebrates Arbor Day
on the last Friday in April**

 **Arbor Day Foundation™**

Delaware

Arbor Day Foundation Launches Youth Education Program Nature Explore

Over the last few years we have noticed that today's children are experiencing a cultural shift. Our youngest generation is missing out on a vital part of early childhood development: the outdoors. The precious gift of nature is a profoundly needed influence for children today.

In our mission to inspire the next generation of tree planters, the Arbor Day Foundation has initiated a unique collaborative effort with Dimensions Educational Research Foundation, a nationally recognized leader in early childhood development. Nature Explore is an initiative aimed at connecting young children more deeply with the natural world around them. One simple way to connect young children with the outdoors is by joining our Nature Explore® Club. Clever stories, fun outdoor adventures, and "explorer's tools" are part of this exciting club that will give young children and adults a closer connection with nature and each other. For more information on Nature Explore, please visit arborday.org.



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Delaware Members Plant 24,343 Trees

The Arbor Day Foundation's dedicated members are making a difference by planting trees in their communities across the United States. Our 3,215 Delaware members have helped plant more than 24,343 trees across the state in 2007.

Aileen Bray, a loyal member from Milford, Delaware has been planting Foundation membership trees since 1999. Recently Aileen shared with us a photo of one of her thriving membership trees. With wonderful, dedicated members like Aileen, Delaware will always have a strong and majestic tree presence.



Aileen and one of her membership trees.

Thousands of Delaware Students Take Part in Arbor Day Poster Contest

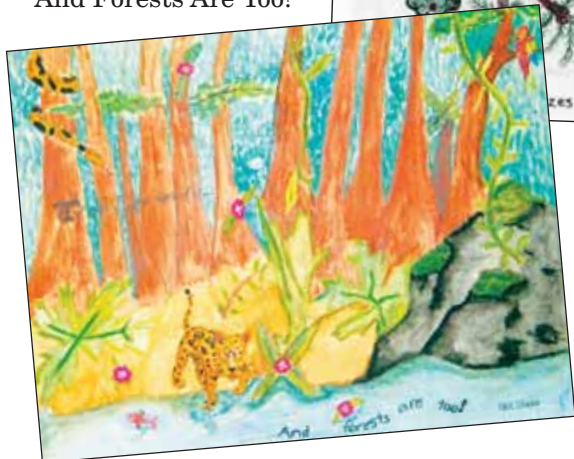
Each year, the Arbor Day Foundation coordinates the Arbor Day National Poster Contest, sponsored by Toyota, for fifth graders in classrooms across the country. Now in its sixteenth year, the contest touches millions of children with its message about the importance of trees and wise environmental stewardship.

During the 2007 contest, more than 12,500 Delaware students had the opportunity to learn the importance of tree diversity in a community forest. Nick S. was named the state contest winner. His winning poster depicted many beautiful large and small trees that are found all around the world to convey the contest's 2007 theme, "Trees Are Terrific... And Forests Are Too!"



(Above Right) 2006 Delaware State Winner

(Left) 2007 Delaware State Winner



Delaware 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 nearly 3,200 designated Tree City USAs across America.

Tree City USA is thriving in Delaware because of the strong partnership between the Arbor Day Foundation and the Delaware Forest Service. Delaware boasts 21 certified Tree City USA communities. Last year, Delaware's Tree City USAs spent a combined total of \$1,117,404 on their urban forestry budgets benefiting the more than 180,000 Delaware residents who live in those communities. The dedication of Delaware'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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