



Georgia's state tree is the Live Oak.

Georgia State Statistics

Active Arbor Day Foundation members in Georgia
21,733



TREE CITY USA® Program in Georgia:

Tree City USA Communities: **112**

Total population served: **2,504,816**

Largest Tree City USA in Georgia:
Atlanta, population 531,322

Smallest Tree City USA in Georgia:
Buckhead, population 219

Arbor Day Poster Contest
Participants in Georgia:
1,800 Fifth grade classrooms
45,000 Fifth grade students

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

**Arbor Day is celebrated on the third
Friday of February in Georgia**

 **Arbor Day Foundation™**

Georgia

Arbor Day Foundation Collaborates to Plant 100 Large Trees in Atlanta Area

Thanks to a generous grant by the Atlanta based The Home Depot Foundation, the Arbor Day Foundation and The Home Depot Foundation are excited to announce their new joint tree planting campaign for 2008, "Trees for Success."



National Tree Planting Tour • 2008

This national campaign will demonstrate the numerous educational and environmental benefits that trees provide to young schoolchildren in sixteen cities across the country. The "Trees for Success" campaign will provide an opportunity to create national attention to this issue, as well as educate elementary-aged students and their communities about the importance of trees.

Schoolchildren in the Atlanta area will be invited to take part in the tree-planting event and other fun and educational activities, giving them an opportunity to interact with nature and take an active role in improving their own community. The Arbor Day Foundation will collaborate with local Atlanta based nonprofit tree-planting organizations to plant 100 large trees on school grounds in the Atlanta area during the "Trees for Success" national campaign. Atlanta's celebration is an outstanding example of the Arbor Day Foundation's work with local nonprofit groups and important corporate partners to advance community forestry across the nation. Visit treesforsuccess.org for more information on the "Trees for Success" national campaign.

Georgia Members Plant 178,076 Trees

The Arbor Day Foundation's dedicated members are making a difference by planting trees in their communities across the United States. Our 21,733 Georgia members have helped plant more than 178,076 trees across the state in 2007.

Eighty-three year "young" Ella M. Helm has been a member of the Arbor Day Foundation since 1998 and recently let us know how much she enjoys the benefits. "I appreciate and thank The National Arbor Day Foundation for what you have done for me and my forest," says Ella. With her Foundation trees, Ella has created a beautiful forest that provides a privacy fence most of the year.



Thousands of Georgia 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 45,000 Georgia fifth-grade students had the opportunity to learn the importance of tree diversity in a community forest. Sean R. was named the state contest winner. His 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!"



(Above) 2006 Georgia State Winner

(Right) 2007 Georgia State Winner



Georgia 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 Georgia because of the strong partnership between the Arbor Day Foundation and the Georgia Forestry Commission. Georgia boasts 112 certified Tree City USA communities. Last year, Georgia's Tree City USAs spent a combined total of \$15,303,195 on their urban forestry budgets benefiting the more than 2.5 million Georgia residents who live in those communities. The dedication of Georgia'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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