



Idaho's state tree is the Western White Pine.

Idaho State Statistics

Active Arbor Day Foundation members in Idaho
7,143



TREE CITY USA® Program in Idaho:

Tree City USA Communities: **70**

Total population served: **876,822**

Largest Tree City USA in Idaho:
Boise, population 191,000

Smallest Tree City USA in Idaho:
Peck, population 200

Arbor Day Poster Contest
Participants in Idaho:
800 Fifth grade classrooms
20,000 Fifth grade students

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



Idaho

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 con-



necting 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.

Idaho Members Plant 54,426 Trees

The Arbor Day Foundation's dedicated members are making a difference by planting trees in their communities across the United States. Our 7,143 Idaho members have helped plant more than 54,426 trees across the state in 2007.

Tom Flint, a loyal member from Harrison, Idaho has been planting Foundation membership trees since 1991. Recently Tom shared with us a photo of his twelve-year-old Butternut tree. With wonderful, dedicated members like Tom, Idaho will always have a strong and majestic tree presence.



Tom's 12-year-old Butternut tree.

Thousands of Idaho 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 20,000 Idaho students had the opportunity to learn the importance of tree diversity in a community forest. Edna W. 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!"



(Top Left) 2006 Idaho State Winner



(Right) 2007 Idaho State Winner

Idaho 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 Idaho because of the strong partnership between the Arbor Day Foundation and the Idaho Department of Lands. Idaho boasts 70 certified Tree City USA communities. Last year, Idaho's Tree City USAs spent a combined total of \$4,224,042 on their urban forestry budgets benefiting the more than half a million Idaho residents who live in those communities. The dedication of Idaho'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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