



Iowa's state tree is the Oak.

Iowa State Statistics

Active Arbor Day Foundation
members in Iowa
16,584



TREE CITY USA®

Program in Iowa:

Tree City USA Communities: **107**
Total population served: **1,247,897**

Largest Tree City USA in Iowa:
Cedar Rapids, population 121,228

Smallest Tree City USA in Iowa:
Westphalia, population 160

Arbor Day Poster Contest
Participants in Iowa:
600 Fifth grade classrooms
15,000 Fifth grade students

Arbor Day Award Winners
from Iowa: **5**

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

 **Arbor Day Foundation™**

Iowa

Arbor Day 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.

Iowa Members Plant 116,989 Trees

The Arbor Day Foundation's dedicated members are making a difference by planting trees in their communities across the United States. Our 16,584 Iowa members helped plant more than 116,989 trees across the state in 2007.

Joseph Legg, a loyal member from Anamosa, Iowa, has been planting Foundation membership trees since 1999. Recently Joseph shared with us a photo of his trees. With wonderful, dedicated members like Joseph, Iowa will always have a strong and majestic tree presence.

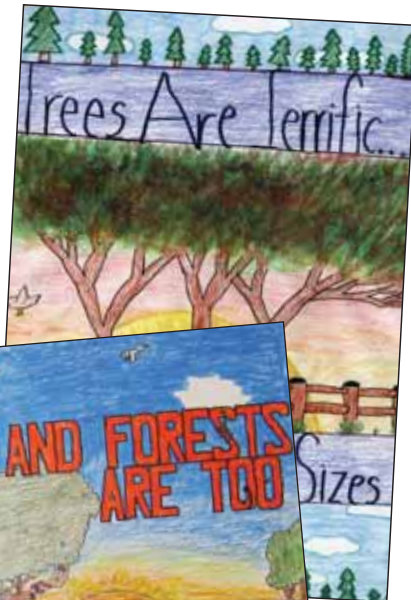


Member Joseph Legg by his thriving spruce tree.

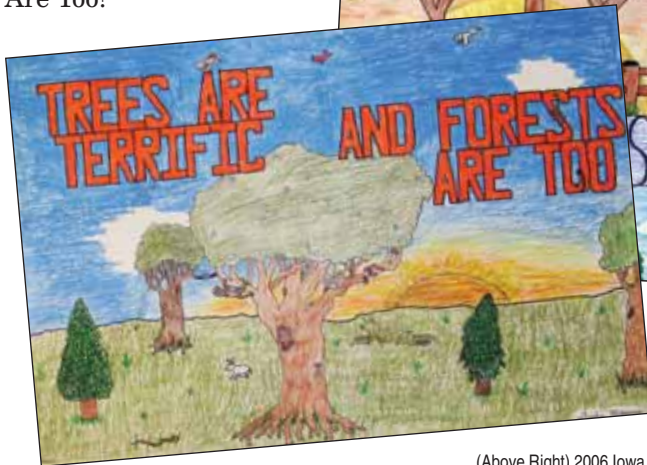
Thousands of Iowa Students Take Part in Arbor Day Poster Contest

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 15,000 Iowa students had the opportunity to learn the importance of tree diversity in a community forest. Drake M. 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 Right) 2006 Iowa State Winner



(Left) 2007 Iowa State Winner

Iowa 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 Iowa because of the strong partnership between the Arbor Day Foundation and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. Iowa boasts 107 certified Tree City USA communities. Last year, Iowa's Tree City USAs spent a combined total of \$8,652,018 on their urban forestry budgets benefiting the more than 1.2 million Iowa residents who live in those communities. The dedication of Iowa'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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