



Maine's state tree is the Eastern White Pine.

Active National Arbor Day Foundation members in Maine
7,185



TREE CITY USA®

Program in Maine:

Tree City USA Communities: **14**
Total population served: **261,959**

Largest Tree City USA in Maine:
Portland, population 65,000

Smallest Tree City USA in Maine:
Hallowell, population 2,467

National Arbor Day Poster Contest
Participants in Maine
100 Fifth grade classrooms
2,500 Fifth grade students

National Arbor Day Award Winners
from Maine: **1**

**Maine celebrates Arbor Day
the third full week of May**



Maine

National 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 National 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.

Maine Members Plant 73,584 Trees

The National Arbor Day Foundation's dedicated members are making a difference by planting trees in their communities across the United States. Our 7,185 Maine members helped plant more than 73,584 trees across the state in 2005. Trees provide numerous benefits to us and our environment. Whether it is planting just one or the thousands of trees mentioned above, our members in Maine have; added beauty to their homes and neighborhoods, increased their property value, attracted birds and other wildlife, provided shade and windbreaks, decreased energy costs and created a more livable community.



Thousands of Maine Students Take Part in Arbor Day Poster Contest

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

During the 2006 contest, more than 2,500 Maine students had the opportunity to learn the importance of tree diversity in a community forest. Sarah E., who attends North Yarmouth Memorial School, was named the state contest winner. Her winning poster depicted many beautiful large and small trees in the forest to convey the contest's 2006 theme, "Trees Are Terrific . . . In All Shapes and Sizes."



2005 Maine State Winner



2006 Maine State Winner

Maine Tree City USAs Support Community Forestry

The National 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 30 years ago, it has grown to be the leading community forestry recognition program in the country, with nearly 3,100 designated Tree City USAs across America.

Tree City USA is thriving in Maine because of the strong partnership between The National Arbor Day Foundation and the Maine Forest Service. Maine boasts 14 certified Tree City USA communities. Last year, Maine's Tree City USAs spent a combined total of \$1,362,129 on their urban forestry budgets benefiting the thousands of Maine residents who live in those communities. The dedication of Maine'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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