



Minnesota's state tree is the Red Pine.

Minnesota State Statistics

Active National Arbor Day
Foundation members in Minnesota
22,395



TREE CITY USA® Program in Minnesota:

Tree City USA Communities: **97**
Total population served: **2,552,950**

Largest Tree City USA in Minnesota
Minneapolis, population 382,000

Smallest Tree City USA in Minnesota:
Peterson, population 259

National Arbor Day Poster Contest
Participants in Minnesota:
1,500 Fifth grade classrooms
37,500 Fifth grade students

National Arbor Day Award Winners
from Minnesota: **5**

**Arbor Day in Minnesota is
celebrated on the last Friday in April**



Minnesota

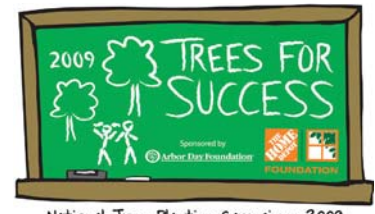
Trees for Success Program Set to Plant Trees in Minneapolis

During the last four years, more than 4,000 trees have been planted across the country at schools and local parks because of the Trees for Success program.

Trees for Success is a national program, sponsored by The

Home Depot Foundation, that demonstrates the many educational and environmental benefits trees provide to improve the health of our communities. Schoolchildren in 13 cities across the country will have an opportunity to add new trees to their school grounds or neighborhoods where they live and play.

The Arbor Day Foundation will collaborate with local Minneapolis-based nonprofit tree-planting organizations to plant up to 100 large trees in the Minneapolis area during the Trees for Success national campaign. Minneapolis's celebration is an outstanding example of the Arbor Day Foundation working with local nonprofit groups and important corporate partners to advance community forestry across the nation. Visit arborday.org for more information on the "Trees for Success" national campaign.



Minnesota Members Plant 145,359 Trees

The National Arbor Day Foundation's dedicated members are making a difference by planting trees in their communities across the United States. Our 22,395 Minnesota members have helped plant more than 145,359 trees across the state last year.

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 Minnesota have just added beauty to their home's and neighborhoods, increased their property value, attracted birds and other wildlife, provided shade and windbreaks, decreased energy costs and created a more livable community.



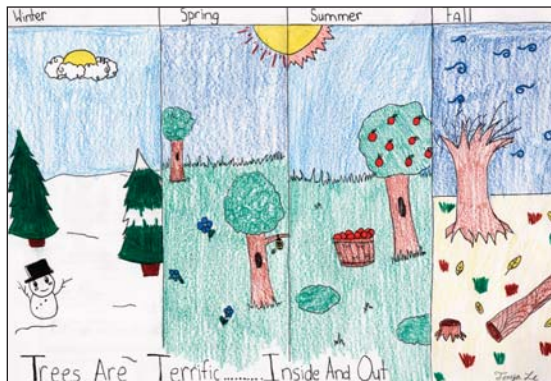
Thousands of Minnesota Students Take Part in Arbor Day Poster Contest

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 seventeenth year, the contest touches millions of children with its message about the importance of trees and wise environmental stewardship.

During the 2008 contest more than 37,500 Minnesota fifth-grade students had the opportunity to learn the importance of tree diversity in a community forest. Tonya L. was named the state contest winner. Her winning poster depicted several parts of a tree illustrating the contest's 2008 theme, "Trees Are Terrific . . . Inside and Out!"



2007 Minnesota State Winner



2008 Minnesota State Winner

Minnesota 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 33 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 Minnesota because of the strong partnership between The National Arbor Day Foundation and the Minnesota Division of Forestry. Minnesota boasts 97 certified Tree City USA communities. Last year, Minnesota's Tree City USAs spent a combined total of \$26,471,498 on their urban forestry budgets benefiting the more than 2.5 million Minnesota residents who live in those communities. The dedication of Minnesota'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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