



Mississippi's state tree is the Southern Magnolia.

Active Arbor Day Foundation members in Mississippi
9,806



TREE CITY USA®

Program in Mississippi:

Tree City USA Communities: **28**
Total population served: **485,456**

Largest Tree City USA in Mississippi:
Biloxi, population 50,644

Smallest Tree City USA in Mississippi:
Sandersville, population 850

Arbor Day Poster Contest
Participants in Mississippi
500 Fifth grade classrooms
12,500 Fifth grade students

Arbor Day Award Winners
from Mississippi: **3**

**Mississippi celebrates Arbor Day
on the second Friday in February**



Mississippi

Arbor Day Foundation and Toyota to Plant Trees at Jackson State

The Arbor Day Foundation announces the launch of Tree Campus USA, a new program sponsored by Toyota. Tree Campus USA is designed to award national recognition to college campuses, and to the leaders of their surrounding communities, for promoting healthy urban forest management and engaging the campus community in environmental stewardship.



As a way to celebrate the launch of the Tree Campus USA program, the Arbor Day Foundation will host a tree-planting event at Jackson State which will add up to 100 large trees to the campus. Jackson State was selected from a pool of applicants of college campuses throughout the country. Jackson State students will participate in the tree-planting event on campus along with area students and community members. This event will be a wonderful opportunity to engage a new generation of tree planters.

Mississippi Members Plant 70,866 Trees

The Arbor Day Foundation's dedicated members are making a difference by planting trees in their communities across the United States. Our 9,806 Mississippi members helped plant more than 70,866 trees across the state in the last year.

R. J. Redd, a loyal member from Bogue Chitto, Mississippi, has been planting Foundation membership trees since 1991. Recently R.J. shared with us a photo of his trees. With wonderful, dedicated members like R. J., Mississippi will always have a strong and majestic tree presence.



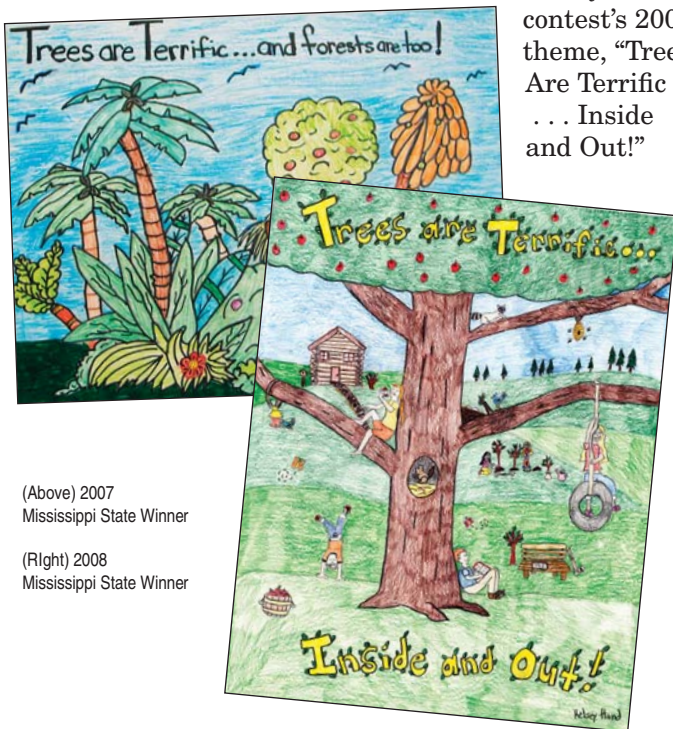
Member, R.J., with his loaded-down, six-year-old crab apple tree.

Thousands of Mississippi 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 12,500 Mississippi students had the opportunity to learn the importance of tree diversity in a community forest. Kelsey H. was named the state contest winner. Her winning poster depicted one beautiful large tree to

convey the contest's 2008 theme, "Trees Are Terrific . . . Inside and Out!"



(Above) 2007
Mississippi State Winner

(Right) 2008
Mississippi State Winner

Mississippi 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 33 years ago, it has grown to be the leading community forestry recognition program in the country, with nearly 3,300 designated Tree City USAs across America.

Tree City USA is thriving in Mississippi because of the strong partnership between the Arbor Day Foundation and the Mississippi Forestry Commission. Mississippi boasts 28 certified Tree City USA communities. Last year, Mississippi's Tree City USAs spent a combined total of \$4,310,657 on their urban forestry budgets benefiting the thousands of Mississippi residents who live in those communities. The dedication of Mississippi'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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