



Ohio's State Tree is the Ohio Buckeye.

Ohio State Statistics

Active National Arbor Day Foundation members in Ohio
38,479



TREE CITY USA® Program in Ohio:

Tree City USA Communities: **248**
Total population served: **5,316,684**

Largest Tree City USA in Ohio
Columbus, population 730,657

Smallest Tree City USA in Ohio:
Zoar, population 198

National Arbor Day Poster Contest
Participants in Ohio:

2,500 Fifth grade classrooms
62,500 Fifth grade students

National Arbor Day Award Winners
from Ohio: **6**

**Ohio celebrates Arbor Day on
the last Friday in April.**



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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.

Ohio Members Plant 338,529 Trees

The National Arbor Day Foundation's dedicated members are making a difference by planting trees in their communities across the United States. Our 38,479 Ohio members have helped plant more than 338,529 trees across the state in 2005.

Kenneth Brown, a loyal member from Georgetown, Ohio, has been planting membership trees since 1995. Recently Kenneth shared with us a photo of some of his favorite trees. With wonderful, dedicated members like Kenneth, Ohio will always have a strong and majestic tree presence.



Kenneth by his Red Oak and Green Ash trees he planted from the Foundation.

Thousands of Ohio 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 62,500 Ohio students had the opportunity to learn the importance of tree diversity in a community forest. Mendel H., who attends Hebrew Academy of Cleveland, was named the Ohio state winner as well as the national contest winner.

His 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."



(Left) 2006 Ohio National and State Winner

(Above Right) 2005 Ohio State Winner



Ohio 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 Ohio because of the strong partnership between The National Arbor Day Foundation and the Ohio Division of Forestry. Ohio boasts 239 certified Tree City USA communities. Last year, Ohio's Tree City USAs spent a combined total of \$34,819,982 on their urban forestry budgets benefiting over five million Ohio residents who live in those communities. The dedication of Ohio'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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