



West Virginia's state tree is the Sugar Maple.

West Virginia State Statistics

Active Arbor Day Foundation members in West Virginia
8,018



TREE CITY USA®

Program in West Virginia:

Tree City USA Communities: **13**
Total population served: **85,846**

Largest Tree City USA in West Virginia:
Parkersburg, population 33,099

Smallest Tree City USA in West Virginia:
Bath, population 711

Arbor Day Poster Contest Participants in West Virginia:
250 Fifth grade classrooms
6,250 Fifth grade students

Arbor Day Award Winners from West Virginia: **1**

West Virginia celebrates Arbor Day on the second Friday in April



West Virginia

Arbor Day Foundation Launches Youth Education Program – Nature Explore

In growing efforts to reconnect young children with nature, Nature Explore Classrooms are being planned and built throughout the country.

These unique outdoor learning environments continue to prove effective in helping young children have positive, multi-sensory experiences with nature while inspiring a sense of wonder.

Several states currently have Nature Explore Classrooms already under construction at early childhood centers, botanical gardens, elementary schools, and day care settings. Classrooms are built using concepts from the *Learning With Nature Idea Book* in addition to assistance from landscape architects or early childhood educators.



West Virginia Members Plant 73,383 Trees

The Arbor Day Foundation's dedicated members are making a difference by planting trees in their communities across the United States. Our 8,018 West Virginia members have helped plant more than 73,383 trees across the state in 2006.

Beverly Creel, a loyal member from Parkersburg, West Virginia, has been planting membership trees since 1988. Recently Beverly shared with us a photo of one of her favorite trees. With wonderful, dedicated members like Beverly, West Virginia will always have a strong and majestic tree presence.



Beverly beside her Norway Pine.

Thousands of West Virginia Students Take Part in Arbor Day Poster Contest

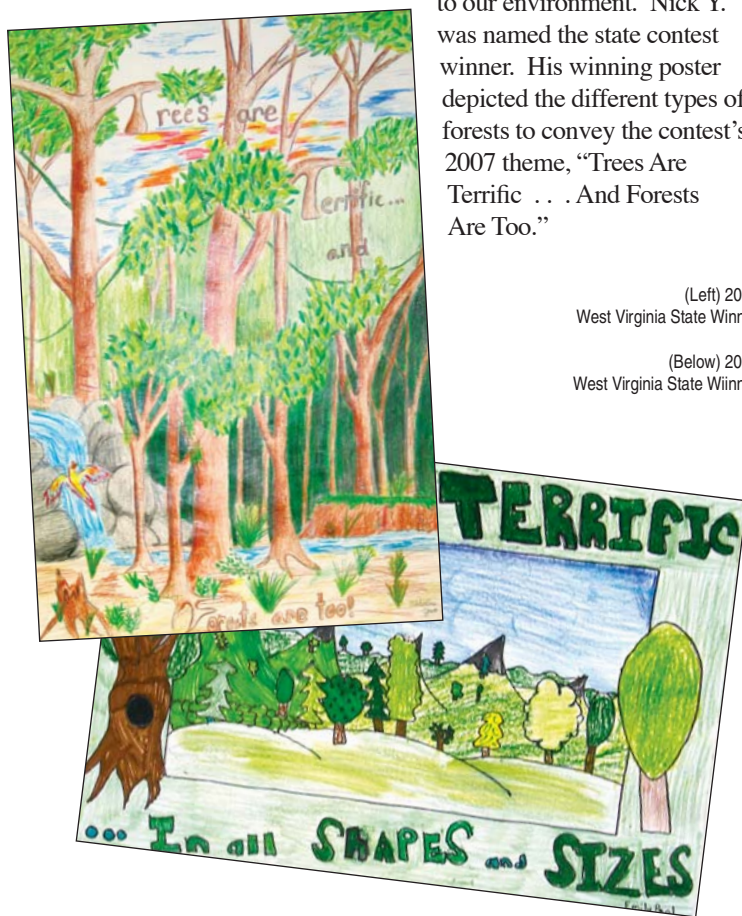
Each year, The Arbor Day Foundation coordinates the Arbor Day National Poster Contest, sponsored by Toyota, for fifth graders in classrooms across the country. Now in its sixteenth year, the contest reaches millions of children with its message about the importance of trees and wise environmental stewardship.

During the 2007 contest, more than 6,250 West Virginia students had the opportunity to discover the importance of trees and forests

to our environment. Nick Y. was named the state contest winner. His winning poster depicted the different types of forests to convey the contest's 2007 theme, "Trees Are Terrific . . . And Forests Are Too."

(Left) 2007
West Virginia State Winner

(Below) 2006
West Virginia State Winner



West Virginia 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 31 years ago, it has grown to be the leading community forestry recognition program in the country, with over 3,200 designated Tree City USAs across America.

Tree City USA is thriving in West Virginia because of the strong partnership between the Arbor Day Foundation and the West Virginia Department of Forestry. West Virginia boasts 13 certified Tree City USA communities. Last year, West Virginia's Tree City USAs spent a combined total of \$475,180 on their urban forestry budgets benefiting thousands of West Virginia residents who live in those communities. The dedication of West Virginia'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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