



Wisconsin's state tree is the Sugar Maple.

Wisconsin State Statistics

Active Arbor Day Foundation members in Wisconsin
28,187



TREE CITY USA® Program in Wisconsin:

Tree City USA Communities: **169**
Total population served: **3,214,661**

Largest Tree City USA in Wisconsin:
Milwaukee, population 617,044

Smallest Tree City USA in Wisconsin:
Pound, population 351

Arbor Day Poster Contest Participants in Wisconsin:
4,600 Fifth grade classrooms
115,000 Fifth grade students

Arbor Day Foundation Award Winners from Wisconsin: **5**

Wisconsin celebrates Arbor Day on the last Friday in April



Wisconsin

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.



Wisconsin Members Plant 241,288 Trees

The Arbor Day Foundation's dedicated members are making a difference by planting trees in their communities across the United States. Our 28,187 Wisconsin members have helped plant more than 241,288 trees across the state in 2006.

Gus Gansemer, a loyal member from Sussex, Wisconsin, has been planting membership trees since 1986. Recently Gus shared with us a photo of one of his favorite trees. With wonderful, dedicated members like Gus, Wisconsin will always have a strong and majestic tree presence.

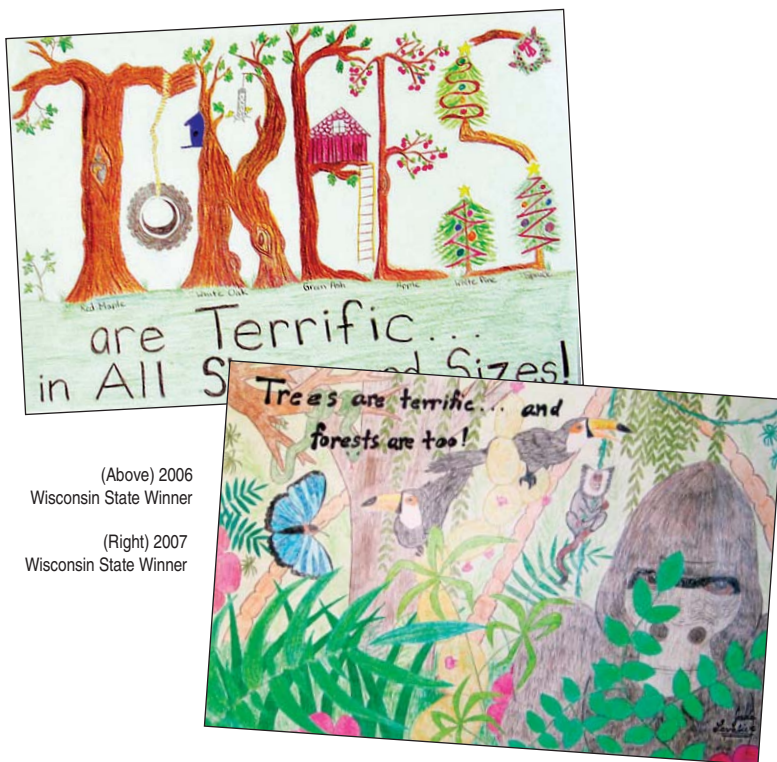


Gus by his 17 year old Colorado blue spruce.

Thousands of Wisconsin 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 115,000 Wisconsin students had the opportunity to discover the importance of trees and forests to our environment. Jade L. was named the state contest winner. Her winning poster depicted the different types of forests to convey the contest's 2007 theme, "Trees Are Terrific . . . And Forests Are Too."



(Above) 2006
Wisconsin State Winner

(Right) 2007
Wisconsin State Winner

Wisconsin 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 Wisconsin because of the strong partnership between the Arbor Day Foundation and the Wisconsin Department of Forestry. Wisconsin boasts 162 certified Tree City USA communities. Last year, Wisconsin's Tree City USAs spent a combined total of \$29,660,415 on their urban forestry budgets benefiting millions of Wisconsin residents who live in those communities. The dedication of Wisconsin'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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