

Vermont Arbor Day Celebration Kits

Instructions

VERMONT ARBOR DAY - MAY 6, 2022

“While most holidays celebrate something that has already happened and is worth remembering, Arbor Day represents a hope for the future. The simple act of planting a tree represents a belief that the tree will grow to provide us with clean air and water, cooling shade, habitat for wildlife, healthier communities, and endless natural beauty — all for a better tomorrow.” - Arbor Day Foundation

In Vermont, we celebrate Arbor Day on the first Friday in May. This year, it is May 6, 2022.

The Arbor Day Celebration kits are intended to get families outside and learn more about trees. Below you will find the contents of the kit, online opportunities, and suggestions on how to make the best use for your community and patrons.

INCLUDED IN THIS KIT

- 30 Sugar Maple Seed Packets
- 30 Copies: Tree Scavenger Hunt
- 30 Copies: Tree Craft Ideas
- 30 Copies: Vermont Tree Guide
- 1 Copy: Tree Themed Booklist
- 1 Copy: Tree Benefits Activity
- 3 Laminated Tree Tags

ONLINE OPPORTUNITIES

- Social Media Campaign
- PDF versions of Handouts

libraries.vermont.gov/arborday

IDEAS FOR SENDING ITEMS HOME WITH PATRONS

This kit is intended to be used as you see fit for your patrons. Below are suggestions for use.

1. **PAPER ITEMS:** Items can be packaged together and handed out to interested patrons on a first come, first serve basis. Alternatively, items can be distributed individually, as you see fit. To print more copies of any of the handouts, visit: libraries.vermont.gov/arborday.
2. **SEED PACKETS:** Can be distributed with paper items, saved for future in-person library event, planted in a community garden, or used as a prize for your own raffle!
3. **TREE TAGS:** Hang laminated tree tags at convenient, visible location with string (not provided).
4. **SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN:** Pre-made posts are available for download on the resources page at libraries.vermont.gov/arborday. Post on your social media or share posts from the Vermont Urban & Community Forestry Program (@VTUCF).

IDEAS FOR IN PERSON USE

1. **STORY TIME:** Select your favorite tree-themed book from the booklist and host a story time.
2. **CRAFT EVENT:** Select your favorite craft from the list provided. Assemble needed supplies (not included) and create some wonderful tree-themed art!
3. **TREE BENEFITS:** Invite patrons to explore the many benefits of trees with the activity included. Then walk with participants outside to explore nearby trees with the Vermont tree guide. Can you identify any trees? Hang laminated tree tags at convenient, visible location with string (not provided).
4. **SCAVENGER HUNT:** Invite patrons to explore the library and nearby area with the scavenger hunt.
5. **MIX AND MATCH:** Select one or more of the above activities and set up stations. Patrons can create a craft, listen to a story and explore on a scavenger hunt.

VERMONT URBAN & COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM

The Vermont Urban & Community Forestry Program is a collaborative effort of the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks, & Recreation and the University of Vermont Extension. We provide technical, educational and financial assistance to support communities in stewarding their tree resources.

QUESTIONS

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