

2016 ALASKA ARBOR DAY CALENDAR



Anchorage

Thursday, April 28 3:45-5:30 PM at Susitna Elementary. Kids will learn about Arbor Day and the importance of trees. Kids will also plant a tree and there will be a Girl Scout Bridging Ceremony followed by a reception.

Saturday, May 14, 2016 9 AM - Noon Society of American Foresters seedling sale and pre-order pick up at REI.

<http://www.forestry.org/alaska/treesale/>

Monday, 16 May 10 AM to 11:30 AM on the Delaney Park Strip at 10th and M Street. Denali Montessori Elementary School first, second and third graders will attend. The Municipality will celebrate 10 Years as Tree City USA.

Tuesday, 17 May 6-7:30 PM Reforest the Park Russian Jack Springs Park, Selkregg Chalet. Participants will pot up white spruce seedlings.

Participants can adopt their trees for the summer and bring them back on August 11 to be planted. Bring your shovel; water and snacks will be provided. All ages, register by calling 343-6992 or visiting

www.muni.org/parks.

Delta Junction

Thursday 12 May. State Forestry, Golden Valley Electric Association and Salcha Delta Soil and Water District will be hosting Arbor Day activities with the kids from the Delta /Greely School District. More details to come.

Friday, 13 May. Delta/Greely School District 5th grade students will celebrate Arbor Day by planting trees. More details to come.

Friday, 13 May, 10 AM, Golden Valley Electric Association annual tree giveaway. A limited supply of lilac plants will be available at the Delta Junction GVEA office. Contact Pat McArdle for more information at tpmcardle@gvea.com.

Eagle River

Saturday, 21 May, 2 PM Eagle River Nature Center. In celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Alaska Arbor Day, the *Jr. Naturalist Program* will teach kids the basics of planting and caring for trees and bushes. Afterwards each child will receive a 2.5 foot spruce tree to plant, stake and water in the area behind our new trail maintenance building. Kids will measure the height of their tree, and ERNC staff will take a photo of them with “their” tree, so they can follow its progress on the ERNC website at www.ernc.org. Limited to 10 children who register at 694-2108.

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Fairbanks

Tuesday, 10 May, 10:00-12:00 UAF "One Tree Project" Participating students will learn about the many goods that come from trees. Contact Jan Dawe for more information.

Thursday, 12 May, 10:00 AM. Arbor Day tree planting at Hutchinson High School organized by the Fairbanks Arbor Day Committee.

Thursday, 12 May, 10:00-12:00. UAF "One Tree Project" Participating students will learn about the many goods that come from trees. Contact Jan Dawe for more information.

Friday, 13 May, 9:15 -11:15 UAF. "One Tree Project" Participating students will learn about the many goods that come from trees. Contact Jan Dawe for more information.

Friday, 13 May, 10 AM. Watershed Charter School, Arbor Day tree planting with students. Contact Amy Arneson for more information

Saturday, 14 May, 10 AM at the Veterans Memorial Park, 700 Cushman Street. The Fairbanks Arbor Day Committee will host an Arbor Day tree planting and celebration. More details to come.

Saturday, 14 May, 9 AM -12 PM, Golden Valley Electric Association annual tree giveaway. GVEA's Fairbanks parking lot, 758 Illinois Street. A limited supply of lilac plants was also available at the Delta Junction and Nenana offices after 10 AM on Friday, May 13. Contact Pat McArdle for more information at tpmcardle@gvea.com.

Monday, 16 May, 11 AM, Griffen Park. The Fairbanks Arbor Day Committee will host a community tree planting event at Griffen Park (off Wendell St. and Dunkel St.).

Monday, 16 May, 1 PM. Transit Center. The Fairbanks Arbor Day Committee is hosting an Arbor Day tree planting at the Transit Center in downtown Fairbanks.

Monday, 16 May, 1-7 PM at the Big I, downtown along the Chena River. This fun event will include a FREE educational workshop and installation project. If you want to learn how to properly plant a tree to ensure a long lifespan or just want to learn more about riparian (river) habitat, then you won't want to miss this! We will provide basic instruction and we will be installing native trees, shrubs and flowers to revegetate this downtown streambank. Stay for the food, fun and other activities Contact Laura at laura.tvwa@gmail.com if you want to sign up to help or learn more.

Monday, 16 May, 3 PM at the Morris Thompson Visitor Center, 101 Dunkel Street. The Tanana Chiefs Conference sponsors a screening of the film "America's First Forest".

Monday, 16 May, 6 PM. The Fairbanks Arbor Day Committee will be hosting an Arbor Day tree planting at Goldstream Valley Lions Park.

Tuesday, 17 May, 9:30 AM. Arbor Day tree planting with students at Joy Elementary School.

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Tuesday, 17 May, 12:30. Arbor Day tree planting with students at Hunter Elementary School.

Saturday, 21 May 11 AM to 4 PM. Fairbanks Soil and Water Conservation District Tree Sale at Kiwanis Agriculture Hall, Tanana Valley State Fairgrounds. Pre-order by Monday 9 May. For information and an order form visit: www.fairbankssoilwater.org

*For more information about Fairbanks area Arbor Day events, contact Ritchie Musick at ritchiemusick@gci.net.

Fort Wainwright

Monday, 16 May 10 AM to 2 PM. Seedling give away at Building 3023. Forester Dan Rees will be present to discuss proper tree maintenance and planting. Call Dan Rees at 361-9318 for more information.

Tuesday, 17 May. Tree planting at Glass Park- Local Cub Scout troop will plant three white spruce and Forester Dan Rees will be present to talk about proper tree maintenance and planting. Call Dan Rees at 361-9318 for more information.

Homer

Monday, 16 May, 3:30 PM at Karen Hornaday Park by the picnic area. Participants will be painting rocks to place at the base of the newly planted tree. This event is hosted by the Homer 4H club. Contact Sherry Pederson at 907 435 7479 for more information.

Saturday, 28 May, Homer ReLeaf tree sale, Homer Farmers Market. For more information, call Ole @ (907) 394-3907

Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER)

Monday, 16 May 11:00 AM at Mt. Spurr Elementary (bldg 8414). Planting two trees with fifth graders. JBER is celebrating 19 years as Tree City USA. This event is expected to be officiated by Col. Bruckbauer and Col. Matthews. Press wishing to attend events on JBER should contact JBER Public Affairs at 552-8151.

Monday, 16 May 4:00 PM at Two Rivers Youth Center (bldg 297) this event will include the Torch Club (ages 9-12) & Keystone Club (ages 13-18). Division of Forestry Community Assistance Forester Stephen Nickel will present the Tree City USA award in recognition of JBER's 19 years as Tree City USA. This event is expected to be officiated by Col. Bruckbauer. Press proposing to attend the Two Rivers Youth Center event in the afternoon should contact Lori Jarvis at 384-3863.

Juneau

Friday, 29 April, from 3-5 PM at Zach Gordon Youth Center Celebrates Arbor Day. A tree planting will be held at 4:30 PM. All kids up to age 19 are invited (under 9 must be accompanied by an adult) – stop by

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to help cover the entire outdoor covered basketball court in side walk chalk art of beautiful trees; Coloring Sheets, Tree Cookies, Music, Hotdogs and More!

Saturday, 30 April, from 11 AM-3 PM. Earth Day at the Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center. "Trees for the Earth" is this year's theme with a variety of environmental information plus demonstrations for kids and adults. Look for the Juneau Urban Forestry Partnership table (just outside the stairway entry) for a leaf-stamping kids' activity. Note: A special tree planting will be held at 12:30 PM, in honor of Arbor Day, sponsored by the Juneau Garden Club.

Monday, 16 May, from 10 AM-6 PM. Juneau's Imagination Station Celebrates Arbor Day. 174-A S. Franklin Street. Kids are invited to stop by for a fun Arbor Day activity!

Monday, 16 May, from 1:30 – 2:30 PM at Raven School. Raven Homeschool will be planting a Prairie Fire Crabapple at the Juneau Pioneer Home in Juneau, Alaska. Refreshments will be served. Contact Theresa Miller at 796-2112 for more information.

Monday, 16 May, Noon. Juneau Douglas City Museum (outside); **Alaska's Official Arbor Day 50th Anniversary Celebration.** The Juneau Urban Forestry Partnership and Juneau Garden Club will reenact the 1966 event at the original site, installing a new Hawthorne tree at the Museum. Governor Walker, Senator Egan from Juneau, Senator Stevens from Kodiak, Juneau Mayor Koelsch, State Forester Chris Maisch, U.S. Coast Guard and Alaska Region Forester Beth Pendleton are invited special guests. Boy Scout Troop 11 and Daisy Troop 4077 will assist. The emcee is Pete Griffin, former USFS District Ranger and renowned storyteller.

Tuesday, 17 May, 7 PM. Gold Town Nickelodeon, 171 Shattuck Way; Ornamental Trees for Southeast Alaska: *Characteristics and what they need to thrive.* Presented by Chris Mertl, ISA Certified Arborist, Corvus Design.

Thursday, 19 May, 5 PM, Gold Town Nickelodeon, 171 Shattuck Way; Ranges of Native Trees of SE Alaska—A Story of Expansion. Presented by Brian Buma, UAS, Assistant Professor of Forest Ecology.

Kenai

Monday, 16 May, 12 PM at the public wildflower garden on Lawton drive. Students from Mountain View Elementary will be planting five lilac trees around the Gazebo. Contact Karl Kircher at 283-8600 for more information.

Ketchikan

Monday, 16 May 9 AM, Discovery Center. The Society of American Foresters will be planting two Douglas maples at the Discovery Center to celebrate Arbor Day.

Monday, 16 May 9 AM, Fawn Mt. Elementary School. Third graders from Mrs. Collins class will plant two trees. The kids will also pot up some Colorado blue spruce saplings and learn about the importance of trees.

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Monday, 16 May 12 PM, City Park. The Ketchikan Tree Board will celebrate Arbor Day by hosting past and present mayors at City Park where participants will plant a tree dedicated to past, present and future mayors of Ketchikan.

Metlakatla

Monday, 16 May, 10 AM. Walk from the school to the new breakwater talking about the importance of community forests on the way, then a proclamation by the Mayor for the 50th anniversary of Arbor Day in the State of AK and its importance to MIC, including the goal to start a community food forest. The public is invited to participate and the Landscaping Crew will be working to add fruit trees to the community garden site in the following few days. Contact Genelle Winter (907-886-5401) miclandscaping@gmail.com or Lindsey Schwehm (lindsey_helen22@hotmail.com) or 907-886-1560

Nenana

Friday, 13 May, 10 AM, Golden Valley Electric Association annual tree giveaway. A limited supply of lilac plants will be available at the Nenana GVEA office. Contact Pat McArdle for more information at tpmcardle@gvea.com.

Palmer

Sunday 15 May at the Babb Arboretum. Event will include a tree planting and cleanup of the arboretum. Event details still evolving.

Saturday, 21 May 10 AM to 2 PM, the Matanuska Experimental Farm will celebrate Arbor Day by hosting tree planting demonstrations, forestry workshops, family crafts and guided tree identification hikes. For more information, call the Cooperative Extension Service at 745-3360.

Soldotna

Saturday, May 14, 2016 from 9 AM – Noon. Society of American Foresters seedling pre-order pick up at the Forestry Office in Soldotna. <http://www.forestry.org/alaska/treesale/>

Saturday, May 18th 10 AM until 3 PM, Go Wild seedling dig at the paved turn-out at Milepost 80.5 of the Sterling Highway. Call Judy Reese at 262-6547 for more information.

Saturday, 14 May, 11 AM Kenai Peninsula 4-H Tree Sale, Soldotna Creek Park. 907-262-5824
www.uaf.edu/ces/districts/kenai

Wasilla

Saturday, May 14, 2016 from 9 AM - Noon Society of American Foresters seedling sale pre-order pick up at the Sportsman's Warehouse, Wasilla. <http://www.forestry.org/alaska/treesale/>

Monday, 16 May at 11 AM at Iditapark. City of Wasilla, Mayor Bert Cottle will read the Arbor Day proclamation. State of Alaska Deputy Forester Dean Brown will present the City of Wasilla with the 2015

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Tree City USA award. Smokey Bear will attend. The city will provide seedlings for kids to take home and there will be trees for kids to help city parks crews plant.

Willow

Sunday 22 May, 2-4 PM, Nancy Lake Fire Station, Mile 64.5 Parks Hwy (Mike Ardaw Road). Arbor Day Foundation Community Tree Recovery Seedling distribution for landowners who requested seedlings to help reforest after the 2015 Sockeye Fire.