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### Mississippi Arbor Day Celebration

*JACKSON, Miss.* - Arbor Day in Mississippi is Friday, February 10, 2017. Join us at the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science for an Arbor Day tree giveaway, proclamation reading, exhibit displays, crafts focused on Mississippi trees, and a live animal presentation.

Mississippi Arbor Day Celebration

Community Event

Date: Friday, February 10, 2017

Time: 10:00 a.m. - Noon

Location: Mississippi Museum of Natural Science - 2148 Riverside Drive, Jackson, MS 39202

Event highlights include:

Tree giveaway

Special appearance by Smokey Bear

Arbor Day Proclamation reading & procession

Leaf print ID craft

Titanoboa exhibit will be open

Scuba fish feeding at 10:00 a.m.

Girl Scout procession & Arbor Day proclamation reading at 10:30 a.m.

LIVE animal presentation at 11:00 a.m.

Mississippi has been celebrating Arbor Day since 1926 as a special day to recognize the statewide contributions of trees and forests. The State of Mississippi benefits from forestry, which contributes \$12.79 billion to the state's economy, over \$20 million (on average) toward education through School Trust Land timber sale revenue, and employs almost 70,000 people.

On Arbor Day and Tree Planting Week community partners, families, and friends join together to celebrate the benefits of trees and urban forests to recognize the unique beauty and diversity of our native trees, which provide a powerful and lasting impression on visitors and lifelong memories for residents. Trees will be planted statewide, creating a lasting legacy for future generations.

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*Established in 1926, the Mississippi Forestry Commission protects the state's valuable forest resources from wildfire, manages approximately 480,000 acres of forested School Trust Land, and delivers quality forest management services and assistance to both rural and urban landowners. Our mission is to provide active leadership in forest protection, forest management, forest inventory, and effective forest information distribution, necessary for Mississippi's sustainable forest-based economy. There are approximately 19.8 million forested acres in Mississippi. The forestry and forest products industry has a \$12.79 billion economic impact on the state of Mississippi and represents almost 70,000 jobs.*

**Resources:**

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