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### **S.T.E.M., Leaves, & Trees: a Science Celebration of Mississippi Arbor Day**

*JACKSON, Miss.* - Arbor Day in Mississippi is **Friday, February 9, 2018**. Join us for a science celebration of Mississippi Arbor Day at the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science, featuring hands-on, interactive activities for school groups and families coordinated to National Science Standards.

S.T.E.M., Leaves, & Trees: a Science Celebration of Mississippi Arbor Day  
Community Event

Date: Friday, February 9, 2018

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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

Museum Admission: Adults - \$6; Youth Ages 3-18 - \$4; Senior Citizens 60 and Over - \$5; Children Under 3 - FREE; Group rates (10 or more), call 601-576-6000

Event highlights include:

- Arbor Day Ceremony & Live Animal Program at 11:00 a.m.
  - Featuring special guests Walt Grayson & Miss Hospitality, Emma Grace McGrew
- Wood Magic Science at 10:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.
- Hands-on, interactive activities for school groups and families
- FREE TREE GIVEAWAY with Museum Admission (while supplies last)
- Guided Tree ID Hike
- Leaf Rubbing Activity
- Project Learning Tree Activity
- Conservation Quest Exhibit

February 9-16, 2018 is also Tree Planting Week in Mississippi. As a public resource, the Mississippi Forestry Commission reached out to our natural resource partners to compile a statewide list of tree giveaways and sales. It may not be comprehensive. These events are not facilitated by the Mississippi Forestry Commission. If you are aware of additional Arbor Day tree giveaways or sales in your area, please send the information to [bforester@mfc.state.ms.us](mailto:bforester@mfc.state.ms.us), and it will be added to the list:

<http://bit.ly/ArborDayTrees18>

Mississippi has been celebrating Arbor Day since 1926 as a special day to recognize the statewide contributions of trees and forests. Mississippi's forestry and forest products industries have a \$12.79 billion economic impact. Forestry consistently ranks as the state's second most valuable agricultural commodity, right behind the poultry industry.

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## About the Mississippi Forestry Commission

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. Mississippi's forestry and forest products industries have a \$12.79 billion economic impact and employs almost 70,000 people.

### Resources:

Click [here](#) to view the S.T.E.M., Leaves, and Trees Facebook event

Click [here](#) to view the 2018 Mississippi Arbor Day Tree Giveaways and Sales list

**Partner organizations participating in this event include:** Mississippi Forestry Commission; Mississippi Museum of Natural Science; Mississippi Forestry Association; U.S. Forest Service, National Forests in Mississippi; Mississippi Soil & Water Conservation Commission; Mississippi State University, Department of Sustainable Bioproducts; Mississippi State University Extension Service; The Mississippi Urban Forestry Council; Project Learning Tree; Wood Magic Science; Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum; Girl Scouts of Greater Mississippi; Mississippi Children's Museum

Activities coordinated to National Science Standards



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A science celebration of Mississippi Arbor Day



**S.T.E.M.**  
WOOD MAGIC SCIENCE  
PROJECT LEARNING TREE



**LEAVES**  
GUIDED TREE ID HIKES  
LEAF RUBBING ACTIVITY



**TREES**  
FREE TREE GIVEAWAY WITH  
MUSEUM ADMISSION

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2018**  
**10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**  
**Mississippi Museum of Natural Science**  
Hands-on, interactive activities for school groups & families  
Coordinated to National Science Standards  
Hardwood and pine tree giveaway with museum admission  
Guided Tree ID Hikes



**ARBOR DAY CEREMONY & LIVE ANIMAL PROGRAM AT 11:00 a.m.**  
Wood Magic Science  
Project Learning Tree  
Conservation Quest Exhibit  
Leaf Rubbing Activity



**SPECIAL GUESTS**  
Walt Grayson  
and  
Emma Grace McGrew,  
Miss Hospitality

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**  
601.576.6000 | <http://bit.ly/STEMLeavesTrees> | Event included with Museum admission

