

Bettendorf to Celebrate Arbor Day on the Learning Campus

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Bettendorf — On April 28th, the annual Arbor Day Ceremony will be held at Faye's Field, on the Learning Campus in Bettendorf. Festivities will begin at 10:00am and run through 12:00pm, with the tree planting ceremony taking place at 10:30am with a proclamation read by Bettendorf Mayor, Robert Gallagher. Rain will not hinder this event, as the festivities will move to the Family Museum in the event of bad weather.

In addition to the tree planting ceremony, the Trees Are Us Committee will be hosting their first ever [Tree Sale](#). Guests will have the opportunity to come pick up a new 3' – 8' tree for their home and a bag of mulch to assist them with the planting, all for a nominal fee of \$10. Learning Campus partners, the Bettendorf Public Library and the Family Museum will join in the celebration as well! The Library will be offering free herb plants to the first 50 adults in attendance, and the first 100 children will receive a free copy of the book, [The Forest Where Ashley Lives](#) along with suggested reading lists. The Family Museum will be working with children and families on some fun and eco-friendly activities on Faye's Field as well. Additional green living resources will be made available at the event.

Faye's Field opened to the public in October, 2011 and since then, it has continued to grow in to a wonderful green space in the heart of Bettendorf. Recently, interpretive signage was added to Faye's Field to convey the marvel of the Field to guests. Signage was provided by the Bettendorf Public

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Library Foundation, Mary and Chris Rayburn, Jane Bettendorf Vieth, Sally Bettendorf Fuller, and the Community Foundation of the Great River Bend. In honor of their support, these donors will be recognized at the festivities as well.

Tree sales will be limited to one tree per family and will only be available while supplies last. Two hundred trees will be available for sale. Trees will be made available to Bettendorf residents and can be purchased with the presentation of proper photo identification.

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