

CONTEST: Big Old Tree Contest

Each year, the Nashville Tree Foundation sponsors a contest to locate the biggest trees in Davidson County. Its purpose is to create an inventory of this valuable resource as well as increase awareness of the benefits of trees both economically and aesthetically. **We challenge schools to look for a tree in your neighborhood or on your school property!**

The Big Old Tree Contest now includes a special category for schools.

By nominating a tree on your campus, students:

- Use math skills as they calculate measurements
- Learn to identify tree species
- Learn how trees help the environment in their science classes
- Earn recognition for their school if they nominate the biggest tree in that species.

NOTE: Students may nominate trees in the neighborhood if there are no large trees on their campus. The owner's permission is suggested but not required.

All winners will receive a special certificate at the High Tree Party at the end of April. **If a tree at your school is chosen as the winner, your school will receive a special recognition.**

The deadline for entries is April 1. For more information go to nashvilletreefoundation.org, call 292-5175 or e-mail: nashvilletree@earthlink.net

INSTRUCTIONS:

How to measure a big tree:

Don't worry about being exact — our experts will remeasure all entries.

To do a preliminary check for a champion-quality tree, you need a long piece of string, a tape measure, a stick as long as your arm and four sticks for stakes.

CIRCUMFERENCE:

Measure around the trunk 4.5 feet above the ground.

HEIGHT:

1. Hold a stick at arm's length with the top of the stick at eye level.
2. Walk backward away from the tree. When your hand lines up with the base of the tree and the top of the stick lines up with the top of the tree, mark the spot. The distance from the trunk to the spot where you are standing is approximately the height of the tree.

CROWN:

1. Look for the widest part of the crown and mark the end of each pair of branches by placing a stake in the ground.
2. Find the narrowest part of the crown and mark the ends of its branches.
3. Measure the distance between the two pairs of stakes. Add the two distances and divide by two to get the average width of the crown.

ENTRY FORM –Big Old Tree Contest

This form must be submitted by April 1

Email to: nashvilletree@earthlink.net

Or Fax to: 269-4857

Or mail to:

Big Old Tree Contest, Nashville Tree Foundation

314 Page Road, Nashville, TN 37205

Tree species

Location

MEASUREMENTS

Circumference 4.5 feet above ground:

Height:

Crown spread:

Nominator's Name:

Address:

City/State/ZIP:

Phone:

E-mail:

Owner's Name:

Address:

City/State/ZIP:

