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## Arbor Day at Boerner Botanical Gardens

*Get a Tree for Free*

Hales Corners, WI - (April 18, 2012) Boerner Botanical Gardens, 9400 Boerner Drive, welcomes visitors to attend and participate in Arbor Day Celebration with students from Bayview Middle School on Friday, April 27, 2012 from 10am to noon. It has been over 135 years since J. Sterling Morton founded Arbor Day, now celebrated internationally, with the simple idea of setting aside a special day for tree planting.

Bayview Middle School students will take part in tree-focused activities and a total of 200 oak tree saplings (donated by Living Lands & Waters Million Trees Project in partnership with Milwaukee's Argosy Foundation) will be available to visitors for free, while supply lasts. An "Autumn Fantasy" Freeman Maple (*Acer x freemanii*) donated by Johnson's Nursery Inc., will be set into the ground during the tree planting ceremony.

### Schedule of Events

- 10:05 am: Welcome and Introduction
- 10:10 am: "Build a Tree" Activity with students
- 10:30 am: Tree Planting Ceremony
- 10:45 am: "Trees for Me" Program with students

Boerner Botanical Gardens is part of the 1,000-acre arboretum envisioned by Alfred L. Boerner. It runs through the Gardens, Whitnall Park and the adjoining Root River Parkway. Trees are labeled and mapped so observers can become acquainted with their names and characteristics. For more information go to [countyparks.com](http://countyparks.com), [boernerbotanicalgardens.org](http://boernerbotanicalgardens.org) or call Boerner Botanical Gardens at (414) 525-5601.

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