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## Ten Arkansas Schools Selected to Participate in Annual Shade Trees on Playgrounds Program

**LITTLE ROCK, AR** — The Arkansas Department of Agriculture has selected ten schools to participate in the 2024 Shade Trees on Playgrounds (STOP) program:

- **Asbell Elementary School**, Fayetteville
- **Ashdown Elementary School**, Ashdown
- **Camden Fairview Early Childhood Center**, Camden
- **C.B. Partee Elementary School**, Brinkley
- **Gene George Elementary School**, Springdale
- **Noble Elementary School**, Hamburg
- **Palestine-Wheatley Elementary School**, Palestine
- **Piggott Elementary School**, Piggott
- **Sidney Deener Elementary School**, Searcy
- **Southside Preschool**, Batesville

Selected schools will receive up to five native shade trees, mulch, watering supplies, and planting guidelines. Participants must attend a virtual STOP workshop, incorporate curriculum on the importance of trees and forestry in Arkansas, hold a tree-planting ceremony, and commit to long-term maintenance. Department staff will assist with tree transport and planting, ensuring species are suited to each playground's unique conditions.

“The STOP program provides students with an opportunity to not only learn about the benefits of trees but to also participate in planting and caring for trees,” said Kristine Kimbro, Urban & Community Forestry Program Coordinator. “We are proud to administer this program and look forward to working with each of these schools.”

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