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Clayton County Soil and Water Conservation District's Annual Tree Giveaway!

Jonesboro - In honor of Georgia's Arbor Day, the Clayton County Soil and Water Conservation District will be sponsoring its seedling giveaway on Friday, February 17th starting at 12:00 Noon. The District is partnering with the Clayton County Extension and the Clayton County Master Gardener Extension Volunteers during this annual event. The giveaway will be held at the Clayton County Extension Office at 1262 Government Circle, Jonesboro, GA 30236.

The District has selected Dogwood and Chickasaw Plum seedlings for this year's giveaway. Due to our climate, Georgia celebrates Arbor Day on the third Friday in February of each year even though National Arbor Day is celebrated on the last Friday in April.

Due to the rise in childhood diseases like obesity, diabetes and heart disease, the focus for this year's Arbor Day celebration is "**More Kids in the Woods**". Outdoor experiences can help get children exposed to a healthy and active lifestyle. According to Vacal Caldwell, Chairman of the Clayton County Soil and Water Conservation District "We encourage our citizens to be good stewards of the land and what better way to do your part than to plant a tree or two and involve your children."

For information on the giveaway, call the Clayton County Extension Office at (770) 473-3945. For more information on National Arbor Day, go to the National Arbor Day Foundation at <http://www.arborday.org/arborday/>. For information on Georgia's State Arbor Day go to <http://www.gatrees.org/>