Professional tree climbers will be competing for the title of Best Climber in the Illinois Arborist Association Annual Tree Climbing Competition. This unique event, to be held on May 16, 2020 at Shiloh Park - Zion Park District, 1619 27th Street, Zion, IL 60099 will showcase the skills of 30 competitors as they maneuver in the trees.

Climbers will perform five different preliminary events. Each event tests a competitor’s ability to quickly, professionally, and safely maneuver in a tree while performing work-related tree-care tasks. Tree climbing competitions are designed to simulate working conditions of those arborists who work in the field. Utilizing the highest level of professional skills and safety, the events provide a competitive learning environment for those working in the industry.

The three male climbers and one female climber who score the highest during the preliminary competition will compete in the Masters’ Challenge. The winner of this challenge will be named the Chapter Champion and will earn the honor of representing the Illinois Chapter at the International Tree Climbing Championship (ITCC) in 2020 held in Albuquerque, New Mexico.
Climbing Events

Events: Work Climb, Aerial Rescue, Belayed Speed Climb, Throw Line and Ascent Event.

The Illinois Arborist Association Tree Climbing Championship will take the first 25 men and women that sign up.

All competitors will compete in the five events and the top three men climbers and two women climbers will go on to compete in the Masters’ Challenge to decide the male and female state champions.

* Gear Inspection is at 7:30am
* The competition will start at 8:30am

Individual prizes include:

**MEN**
1st Place - Over $1,000 in prizes
2nd Place - $300 Cash
3rd Place - $200 Cash

**WOMEN**
1st Place - Over $1,000 in prizes
2nd Place - $300 Cash
3rd Place - $200 Cash

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**
To volunteer as a judge or timer, please email aprill@illinoisarborist.org or call the IAA office at 877-617-8887.

3 CEUs available for all judges, timers and contestants.

No refunds will be given after April 15, 2020.

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2020 Illinois Tree Climbing Championship

$75 Climber Fee

Deadline for registration is April 3, 2020

Name: ____________________________
Company: __________________________
Address: ____________________________
City-Zip: ____________________________
Phone: ____________________________ Email: ____________________________

Are you an Illinois Arborist Association Member? Yes No
Add Member Fee? Yes No

Membership is MANDATORY. If not, please include $55 membership dues along with payment either by credit card or check.

Check # ____________________________ Amount $ ____________ Years Climbing: ________ Shirt Size: M L XL XXL

VISA or MasterCard

Card Number: ____________________________
Expiration Date: ____________________________
Name on Card: ____________________________
Signature: ____________________________

Please enclose payment made payable to:

Illinois Arborist Association
PO Box 860
Antioch, IL 60002
or FAX to 262-857-6677

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ComEd Corporate Cup Tree Climbing Award

This award was created to increase participation in the Illinois Tree Climbing Competition by fostering competition between companies. We hope the traveling Corporate Cup will demonstrate the value of teamwork.

* Companies or groups must register PRIOR to the competition.
* A minimum of 3 climbers per company must participate in the preliminary events.
* Preliminary event scores will be used. No Master’s Challenge points will be included in the Corporate Challenge.

Cost $300

for up to 5 contentants.

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Lunch will be provided for all competitors, judges and timers courtesy of Kramer Tree Specialists, Inc.