

# Illinois Trees

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## Advanced Qualification Tree Worker Domain Update

It has been a busy 2016 spring for the Tree Worker Domain. We have had 3 Present Day Rigging Level 1 Modules and an Illinois Arborist Association 1st, an Aerial Rescue (Rope and Harness) Module. A total of 46 Illinois arborists went through these modules.

The Present Day Rigging Module is a “hands-on” course, which stresses safety, while using all the latest rigging methods. While attending this course, the arborists learn the advantages and limitations of:

- Rigging rope constructions (3 strand, 12 strand, double braid, hollow braid)
- Knots and hitches for rigging
- Rigging hardware (steel carabiners, rescue pulleys, arborist pulleys)
- Rigging software (spliced eye slings, whoopie slings, loopie slings)
- Rope angles
- Mechanical advantage

Every attendee has the opportunity to:

- Set an arborist pulley
- Rig a limb for removal
- Cut a face notch and remove the limb with a back cut from an aerial lift truck using a top handled chainsaw
- Lower a limb from a rope friction device from the ground

A couple of attendees have the opportunity to “negative rig” spar wood using a mid sized rear handle chainsaw.

We do our best to make this course informational and fun, while not compromising safety.

The Aerial Rescue (Rope and Harness) Module was an Illinois Arborist Association Tree Worker Domain 1st. This is without a doubt ‘The Most Important’ course a climbing arborist will attend. Learning how to safely facilitate a rope and harness rescue can help save a life. For this Module,



we were very fortunate to have Nate Paulsberg on site to help instruct. Nate is a Lieutenant Fire/Medic at Palatine Fire and a Rope Access Professional, who is co-owner of Elevated Safety. The Illinois Arborist Association is working on partnering with Elevated Safety, to train Fire/Medics on our climbing system to help reduce the time involved in a tree rescue. Nate has a huge role in helping make this happen.

Before any climbing operations begin, we check all climbing gear and PPE to make sure it meets ANSI Z133-2012 Standards. During this gear check we found:

- a non compliant hard hat
- 4 compromised climbing ropes
- 2 compromised work positioning lanyards
- 2 compromised carabiners
- 1 work positioning harness that was older than 10 years

All the compromised gear was red tagged for use at this Module, and recommended to be replaced.



After gear check, the instructors demonstrated how to use a 4 foot webbing loop configured in a manner to upright the upper body of an unconscious climber to help reduce a form of “suspension trauma”. As arborists, we call this the “bro-bra”, because it helps support the upper body. The instructors

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# President's Message

Don Roppolo

We are in the "busy" season for our industry so it is great that you are taking a few minutes to read the IAA newsletter. It is easy to get caught up in the day to day especially this time of year and lose sight of staying connected and always continuing to grow professionally. Continued personal growth is what makes our industry grow. As each individual continues to learn and grow the collective effect is raising of the professional bar for our whole industry. Take the time to invest in yourself. Challenge yourself and your coworkers every day to be better today than yesterday. Make that the culture of where you work. We are fortunate to live in a state that has a very active ISA Chapter. Take advantage of the various opportunities that the IAA offers throughout the year.

We had record attendance of 92 fellow arborists at the IAA Summer Conference June 23 and 24 at Allerton Park in Monticello, IL. As always, there was a great mixture of outdoor demonstrations and indoor sessions. There was ample opportunity for comradery and continued learning in the evening as well as with short casual breakout sessions. Some of us even learned a little about beer with a beer tasting in the evening. The proceeds went to benefit the Tree Fund. The Summer Conference is always a great opportunity to take a little break and have some fun learning with fellow arborists. If you have never been, make a point of going next year. If you have been there you understand the unique opportunity it is. Not often do you have the chance to attend educational sessions and stay in a haunted house!

Our next opportunity to spend time with friends and make new contacts is the annual IAA Golf Outing. It is coming up on August 26 at Old Orchard Country Club in Mount Prospect. Lunch, and an early dinner at 3:30 are provided followed by a raffle. Take a day to reconnect with old friends and make new ones or take some clients and have fun while building relationships. Registration deadline is Friday, August 12.

The Illinois Tree Climbing Championship will be held in Salt Creek Forest Preserve in Wood Dale Saturday September 24. The Tree Climbing Championship is a great event to get involved in at any level. IAA is still looking for competitors, judges and volunteers of all skill levels. Our minimum requirement is the ability to have fun and to be able to push a start and stop button on a stop watch. You don't have to be a competitive person to be involved. Whether you compete or volunteer you will experience the positive sharing of ideas, techniques, and tools. The event creates his own amazing atmosphere of comradery. No matter what your experience or skill level you can learn something. If you are not able to dedicate the time to compete or volunteer at least come out and cheer on your fellow arborist. You will walk away reenergized about the profession by the positive energy that makes this event so special.

Keep taking time to invest in yourself. Create a culture of mutual support and motivation at your workplace to continue to grow and be a better professional today than you were yesterday. Take advantage of the Certified Arborist review classes the IAA offers, or encourage coworkers to do so if you are already certified. Enjoy the rest of your summer. I hope to see you at the IAA Annual Conference in Tinley Park this October.



*Sincerely, Don*



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then demonstrated a “double friction hitch” rescue, which is the safest rescue method, because both the rescuer and injured climber descend on their own climbing system.

The arborists who attended this Module actually performed a mock “double friction hitch” rescue, bringing down an injured climber from 20 feet. To prevent accidental fast descents, both the rescuer and injured climber were “on belay” at all times. After the completion of the mock rescues, Don and Norm demonstrated:

- The pulley method
- The single friction hitch method
- Spar rescue

**NOTE:** One week after this Aerial Rescue course an attendee texted me saying he had a co-worker cut his leg with a chainsaw. Fortunately, this attendee had purchased “Quik Clot”, which Nate Paulsberg had demonstrated how to use at the course, to apply to the open wound. Thank you Nate!

We would like to thank The Forest Preserve District of Cook County & Phil Prohaska, and Cantigny & Todd Henderson for the use of their sites and in helping coordinate the dates.





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# Calendar of Events

## September 7, 2016

Certification Workshop

Homewood Public Works Department

## September 12, 2016

Certification Exams

Downers Grove Public Works Department

## September 19, 2016

Certification Workshops

Downers Grove Public Works Department

## September 20, 2016

Aerial Lift and Rescue Training

Cantigny Park, Wheaton

## October 18 & 19 2016

IAA Annual Conference & Trade Show

Tinley Park Convention Center

## November 21, 2016

Certification Exams

Downers Grove Public Works Department



## IAA Annual Golf Outing

You are invited to join us for a day on the course and a fine dinner at Old Orchard Country Club in Mt Prospect, IL. on **Friday, August 26.**

Old Orchard is a mature and challenging course with narrow fairways.

We have a 9:00am shot gun start so arrive early to catch up with old friends. Lunch will be provided from 12:00-2:30 and dinner will be at 3:30pm followed by the raffle. So take a three day weekend and come out and have some fun!

Pre-registration is required. Please fill in the registration form and mail or fax with your check or credit card information by **August 12, 2016.**

We will notify you to confirm your registration via e-mail, so please provide an e-mail address or phone number so we may contact you.

Game play will be scramble.



### Agenda

8:00AM	Registration Table Opens
9:00AM	Shotgun Start
12:00PM	Lunch
3:30PM	Dinner
4:00PM	Raffle

### Contests will include:

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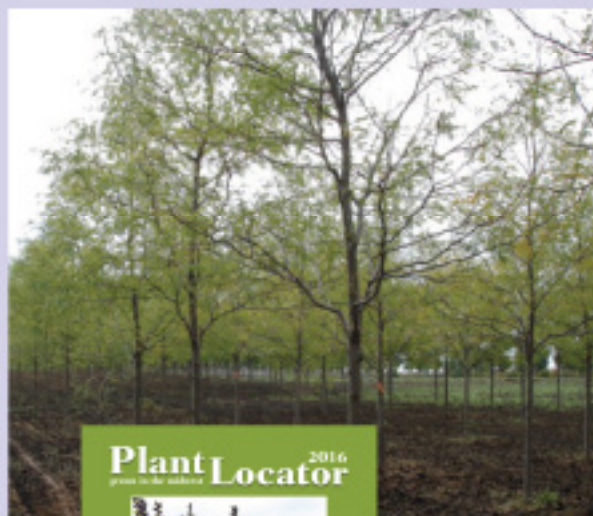
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**PLANTS & PINOT**  
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August 4  
**ILCA SUMMER FIELD DAY**  
Midwest Groundcovers, Virgil

October 18 & 19  
**IAA ANNUAL CONFERENCE**  
Holiday Inn, Tinley Park





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# Conference Registration Guide



## ***IAA Annual Conference & Trade Show***

**October 18 - 19  
Tinley Park**



**Monday Session  
Electrical Hazard Awareness Program (EHAP)  
8:00AM — 3:00PM**

6 CEUs

**8:00 - 3:00PM Electrical Hazard Awareness—\$125.00**

The Electrical Hazards Awareness Program (EHAP) from TCIA is a great way to keep your crews aware of electrical hazards and reduce injuries and losses, plus keep them trained and ready so you're prepared to qualify for storm clean-up at any moment. Electricity is a serious and wide-spread hazard to arborists. In fact, electricity causes about 30 percent of all fatalities in the tree care industry, making it the leading cause of worker fatalities.

Since even a street lamp circuit or phone line can be energized with enough voltage to kill, almost all arborists in the field have at least some exposure to this hazard. In fact, workers don't even have to touch a wire to be electrocuted—about half of all electrocution fatalities are the result of indirect contact. Tree branches and other conductive objects are an ever present threat for the industry.

All arborists must be trained to recognize and avoid these electrical hazards. Qualified line-clearance arborists must have additional knowledge about electrical hazards and the special techniques used to work safely near electrical conductors.

EHAP is a great way to keep workers safe, ensure OSHA compliance, and document training.

- **OSHA Safety Requirements:** EHAP helps you meet the OSHA 1910.269 safety standard, which requires:

- ◊ Employer-certified training. Employers must certify that employees who work 10 feet or closer to energized conductors are trained in the special hazards involved in such work.
- ◊ On-the-job training and verification. Employers must verify through documented, on-the-job training and verification that these employees have the skills necessary to perform line-clearance job tasks safely.

- **ANSI Safety Requirements:** The ANSI Z133.1 safety standard for arboricultural operations requires all employees be trained to recognize electrical hazards. EHAP training meets the ANSI Z133.1 training requirement.

- **Storm Cleanup:** EHAP is often required by the US Army Corps of Engineers in order to qualify for storm-related clean-ups. They have recognized the importance of the EHAP training program dating back to Hurricane Katrina.

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**Spanish-Language Session  
Sesion español  
Eduardo Medina, Davey Tree Experts  
Tuesday, Octubre 18**



- 9:15 – 10:15** Detrás de Un Campeonato de Trepa de Árbol  
*Behind the Tree Climbing Championship*
- 10:15 – 10:45** Break with Exhibitors
- 10:45 – 11:30** El Ciprés Moctezuma- El Árbol del Tule cerca de 3000 años?  
*The Montezuma Cypress*
- 11:30 – 12:00** Alternativas para ascender  
*Ascending Tree Alternatives*
- 12:00 – 1:00** Lunch (sponsored by)
- 1:00 – 2:00** Daños por insectos o fermedades ?  
*Insects or Disease Damage?*
- 2:00 – 2:45** Trucos del trabajo  
*Tricks of the Trade*
- 2:45 – 3:15** Break with Exhibitors
- 3:15 – 4:00** Operación segura con el uso de motosierras  
*Safety Chainsaw Operation*

4.75 total CEUs

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2016

**8:30 — 9:00** Welcome Don Ropollo, IAA President and ISA Update

**9:00 — 9:15** Presentations from Vendors

### GENERAL SESSION

**9:15 —10:00** *Long Distance Drones Make Vegetation Management More Efficient* — Tero Heinonen, SharperShape & Seth Reid, CN Utility Consulting

**10:00 —10:30** BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS

**10:30 —11:15** *Tree Research Using 3D Imaging to Test Root Volume & Stability*, Jake Miesbauer, *The Morton Arboretum*  
Root systems are integral to tree health and survival, and provide anchorage to support the above-ground structure. Root distribution and architecture are the most commonly used metrics for describing the spatial properties of root systems. Manual characterization of root architecture is labor-intensive and somewhat limited in the measurements that can be effectively quantified. Having the ability to easily and accurately record characteristics like root location, root volume, and root surface area in contact with the soil can potentially improve predictive models of root stability.

**11:15 —12:00** *3D Trees: How Thinking About Canopy Volume Can Help You Maximize Tree Benefits in Your Planting Plan*; Phil Graf & Steve Lane, Graf Tree Care  
“We often hear about the use of canopy cover for measuring our success in Urban Forestry, but all too often this is only measured in 2 dimensions instead of 3. Join Steve and Phil as we take an eye-opening look at not just canopy cover, but canopy volume in 3D, and look at how tree canopy volume (and root mass) correlates with increases in hard-dollar and ecological benefits of trees. We will also examine a new view of tree life expectancy on parkways and open spaces, and how reforestation planning now can help your urban forest canopy grow to achieve its maximum potential value.”

**12:00 —1:00** LUNCH

### MUNICIPAL SESSION

**1:00 — 2:00** *A Framework for Adapting Our Urban Forests to a Changing Climate*; Leslie Brandt, PhD, Climate Change Specialist, Northern Institute of Applied Climate Science, US Forest Service  
Planting urban trees and expanding urban forest canopy cover are often considered key strategies for climate change adaptation in urban environments. However, urban trees and forests can also be vulnerable to climate change through shifts in tree habitat suitability, changes in pests and diseases, and changes in extreme weather events. We developed a framework for urban forest managers and planners to assess the vulnerability of their urban forests to climate change and incorporate that information into their decision-making. This framework was piloted in the Chicago region. Lessons learned from the pilot area will be used to inform future efforts in other urban areas.

**2:00 — 2:45** *Creating a Safe and Professional Work Environment*: Peggy Drescher, Tree Care Industry Association.  
Does your crew work safely? How is your training program? Working safely and professionally shouldn't be an afterthought. You do not have to reinvent the wheel creating safety and training programs. This talk will provide tools to: Encourage participation in safety programs, stay safe in the field, advance in your organization and provide training programs to use in performance evaluations.

**2:45 — 3:15** BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS

**3:15 — 4:00** *Don't Let An Injury Ruin Your Department*; Eric Petersen, ArboRisk Insurance.  
Budgets are tight enough without an injury, get caught in a messy Work Comp claim and your effectiveness as a department suffers. In this seminar, you'll learn the basics of the workers' compensation system and how to best be prepared before an injury occurs, so you can position your department for continued success.

\*Agenda and speakers are subject to change.



**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2016**

## COMMERCIAL SESSION

- 1:00 — 2:00** *Making Workers' Compensation Work For You* — Eric Petersen, ArboRisk Insurance  
Learn Tips and Tricks for understanding workers' compensation system, so you remain in control over your work comp cost. This seminar is geared towards owners and managers who are frustrated with the high cost of workers compensation.
- 2:00 — 2:45** *Crane Use in Arboriculture* — Todd Kramer, Kramer Tree Specialists, Inc.  
Crane use is becoming more and more popular in tree care. Unfortunately, accidents and injuries are becoming more popular and catastrophic. This talk will focus on the three current biggest problems, planning, communication and rigging.
- 2:45 — 3:15** BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS
- 3:15 — 4:00** *Working With Generational Diversity In The Work Place* — Todd Kramer: Kramer Tree Specialists, Inc.  
Different generations exist in today's work place. This talk will explore the different generations in to day's tree work operations. Understanding the different cultures and values of each could make for better communication and performance in the work place. Inevitably increasing safety.

## UTILITY SESSION

- 1:00 — 2:00** *A Higher Education for Utility Arboriculture* — Neil Thiessen, Utility Vegetation Management Association  
The Utility Vegetation Management industry and the UAA has long recognized the transitioning of the role of a utility forester or UVM manager. In addition, many of the seasoned program leaders have or are preparing for retirement. With the fast pace of regulatory, public and industry demands many future leaders are required to step into roles they may not be fully prepared for. We will call it a knowledge gap. Neil will talk about the driving force, business case and two year professional development training program developed to accelerate the newer consulting, contractor of utility leaders effectiveness and narrow this knowledge gap.
- 2:00 — 2:45** *The Future of UAV's and Utility Vegetation Management* —Tero Heinonen
- 2:45 — 3:15** BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS
- 3:15 — 4:00** *Findings of the 2016 Distribution UVM Benchmark Studies* — Will Porter, CN Utility Consulting  
A survey of 40 US and Canadian companies was performed in the spring of 2014. Mr. Porter will review the findings of this survey which reveals aspects of the current state of UVM in North America. Of particular interest are facts and trends about UVM programs when multiple variables are correlated. Included will be some results from a survey on utility tree risk assessment programs that was run side by side with the distribution survey and to serve the purposes of the Utility Arborist Association task group writing a Best Management Practice for utility tree risk assessments.

## TREE Fund Raffle & Reception

### TREE Fund Raffle & Reception 4:00 - 6:00PM

Please stay and enjoy pizza and (limited) free beer while supporting the TREE Fund raffle. There will be tons of great prizes.

The Tree Research and Education Endowment Fund (TREE Fund) is shaping the future of trees and the arboriculture profession.

The TREE Fund provides research grants, scholarships and educational programs to advance knowledge in the field of arboriculture and urban forestry. With this knowledge, arborists and citizens will be better equipped to ensure that healthy, mature trees remain an integral part of the urban and suburban communities of our future.



Wednesday, October 19, 2016

## GENERAL SESSION

- 7:00 — 8:00** *You Cannot Take the "Country" Out of the Tree* — Dr. John Ball, South Dakota State University  
It may seem obvious but trees are adapted to growing in a forest, not a yard. It took trees millennia to figure out how to thrive in a forest crowded in among other trees, and now we expect them to survive in a yard, all alone. This program will chronicle the lives of two maple trees, one in the forest, and the other, its city cousin, and show the stresses that impact and shape the lives of each.
- 8:00 — 9:00** *Why Do Trees Die?* — Rex A. Bastian, PH.d, The Care of Trees  
As arborists, we recognize that trees die. Our clients, however, commonly expect their trees to live long, trouble-free lives and when they don't; our clients can become rather perplexed and look to us for an explanation. To provide that explanation, we need to understand that a tree functions as a system comprised of both internal and external inputs that are dependent on both internal and external processes. Sound complicated? It certainly is, but with a little rational thought, we can boil it down to some pretty basic principles. Knowledge of these principles will enable us to become better arborists by understanding the rigors trees face on a day-to-day basis.
- 9:00 — 10:00** *Zika and Lyme Disease* — Sam Davis, Illinois Dept. of Public Health and Dr. Elizabeth Maloney MD  
Zika, is it really a big deal? Other mosquito-borne virus' life cycle and habits will be discussed. The lyme disease presentation provides a detailed look at the statistics of Lyme disease and risk factors for becoming infected. A basic review of the illness, including diagnosis and treatment, follow. Facts about deer ticks, which transmit the infection, and ways to prevent tick bites, are also included.
- 10:00 — 10:30** BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS
- 10:30 — 12:00** *What Do Trees Think of Pruning?* — Lindsey Purcell, Purdue University  
They may not say much about it, but how they respond to this important arboriculture practice is often not fully understood by practitioners. This session will provide introductory view into the essentials of pruning including hormonal and biomechanical responses from trees.
- 12:00 — 1:00** LUNCH

## MUNICIPAL SESSION

- 1:00 — 3:00** *Societal Trends Impacting Private and Public Sector Organizations*; Lew Bender — IPSI Institute  
Society has and is changing. Those changes such as two income households, blended families, single parent households are having a significant impact on how public and private organizations get things done..."stop tweeting and get back to work!" This will be a fast paced hour with a couple of good ideas for you to consider.

## COMMERCIAL SESSIONS

- 1:00 — 2:00** *The Z-133: Paragraphs To Live By* — Dr. John Ball, South Dakota State University  
The new Z will be out in 2017 and there will be significant changes in how this shapes our work. This session will cover the major changes and the incidents we can avoid if we adhere to these standards.
- 2:00 — 3:00** *Ethical Arboriculture* — Lindsey Purcell: Purdue University  
Arboriculture has evolved into an applied science over many years and basic principles have forged the way for our industry and continue to influence practice and philosophy. Learn how we can build an ethical practice based on the tenets of the medical profession and create a sustainable environment for our business, employees and customers.



## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2016

### UTILITY SESSION

- 1:00 — 2:00**     *Building Industry Collaboration to Support Native Habitat in Rights-of-Way* — Iris Caldwell  
 Iris Caldwell is a Research Engineer at the Energy Resources Center (ERC) located at the University of Illinois at Chicago, where she primarily works to engage the agricultural, transportation, and utility sectors on special projects such as pollinator habitat development. Over the past year and a half, she has facilitated the Rights-of-Way as Habitat Working Group to promote habitat restoration along transportation and utility corridors. Prior to joining the ERC, Iris worked for more than eight years in industry, both as a manufacturing plant environmental engineer and as an environmental consultant. She has a strong background in environmental regulatory compliance, greenhouse gas accounting, carbon offset verification, low-carbon fuel standards, and other environmental and sustainability reporting. Iris holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil – Environmental Engineering from Iowa State University and is a licensed professional engineer in the State of Illinois.
- 2:00 — 3:00**     *Panel Discussion on Current UVM Issues* — Neil Theissen, Will Porter

### HEALTHY FORESTS ALONG THE RURAL— URBAN INTERFACE SESSIONS

Join the Illinois Forestry Association for this special session focused on healthy forests at the urban-rural interface. Participants will hear from two leading experts: University of Illinois Extension Forester Chris Evans, and Dr. Frederic Miller, Senior Research Scientist in Entomology at The Morton Arboretum.

- 1:00 – 1:10**     *Welcome/Overview* – Stephanie Brown, Executive Director, Illinois Forestry Association
- 1:10 – 2:00**     *Invasive Plants in the Urban-Rural Interface* – Chris Evans, Extension Forester, University of Illinois  
 Chris Evans will focus on the impact of invasive plants on forested ecosystems in urban and rural settings. Arborists, landscape designers, municipal foresters, and others working in the urban forest can influence the introduction and spread of invasive plants through choices in species selection and management efforts. Chris will discuss 1.) How invasive plants move between urban and rural forests, 2.) How interactions, impacts, and management differs and 3.) Best management practices for minimizing the impact and spread of invasive plants, with a focus on those used as ornamentals.
- 2:00 – 2:45**     *What Comes Next After Major Forest Pests* – Dr. Frederic Miller, Senior Research Scientist – Entomology, The Morton Arboretum  
 Dr. Miller's presentation will look at the history of forest pest impacts in other states as a predictor for what we might expect to see in Illinois, with an emphasis on imminent threats and the implications for oak forests and their restoration. His presentation will cover how Gypsy Moth defoliation has affected oak forests, the effects Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) may have on ash regeneration, and the potential interaction with oak regeneration. He'll share some research work done in Ohio and Michigan regarding what happens to woodlands once the ash are gone. He'll also weave in a little about what the potential impact Thousand Cankers Disease could play with walnut mortality and how that would also affect oak forests.
- 2:45- 3:00**     *Leveraging Oak Awareness Month in Illinois* – Stephanie Brown  
 We'll cap it off with a short pep talk about OAKtober – Illinois' Oak Awareness Month and how this special designation can be leveraged to benefit communities, organizations, and business interests.

11.25 total CEUs

\*Agenda and speakers are subject to change.

## Demonstration Tree Agenda

Norm Hall from Kinnucan Tree, Todd Kramer from Kramer Tree Specialists, Don Roppolo from The Care of Trees, and Brian King from King Tree Specialists will be conducting two days of hands-on instruction in Climbing and Chainsaw Maintenance on a real tree that will be erected in the center of the exhibit hall. Take advantage of this opportunity to experience the excitement of live demonstrations. **10.50 CEUs available.**



### Tuesday, October 18th

- 9:00 — 10:00 Member Input
- 10:00 — 10:30 Break with Exhibitors
- 10:30 — 12:00 Member Input
- 12:00 — 1:00 Lunch
- 1:00 — 2:45 Working Near Energized Lines — Brian Sprinkle, Nate Carlisle, Dave Schenck & Jeff Gilmore
- 2:45 — 3:15 Break with Exhibitors sponsored by
- 3:15 — 4:00 Chainsaw Safety in the Tree...

### Wednesday, October 19th

- 8:00 — 10:00 Aerial Rescue Techniques — Rescue Methods and Updates
- 10:00 — 10:30 Break with Exhibitors
- 10:30 — 12:00 Forces in Rigging...
- 12:00 — 1:00 Lunch
- 1:00 — 3:00 The ever popular "Rigging the Tree Down" session  
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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 climbers 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 in August 2017.

To sign up as a competitor, download the registration form or sign up online here [www.illinoisarborist.org](http://www.illinoisarborist.org)

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