



Date: Friday, August 26
Only 25 slots per level!!
7:00 am to 4:00 pm
Kenwood Park Minneapolis

Meals included - 6.5 CEU's

2016 Summer Climbing Workshop



Minneapolis
Park & Recreation Board

Beginner Level: Introduction to Rope and Saddle Tree Climbing

Instructors:

George Welles (Owner, Northeast Tree Inc.)

Charlie Perrington (Arborist, Four Seasons Tree Service)

This group will give participants an introduction into rope and saddle tree climbing. Basic gear and techniques will be demonstrated. Participants will also get a preliminary look into safety precautions regarding climbing gear and tree hazard assessment. In the afternoon, participants will get to practice these climbing techniques in tree.

Who should join the level: Individuals with no or minimal experience with rope and saddle tree climbing.

Intermediate Level: Ascent Techniques

Instructors:

Liam McClannahan (Arborist, Branch and Bough Tree Service and Landscape Care)

Scott Ferris (Arborist, Branch and Bough Tree Service and Landscape Care)

This group will discuss numerous canopy entry and ascent techniques, with an emphasis on static line systems. Other subjects that will be covered are line setting/positioning, lowerable systems/basal anchors, ergonomics of different techniques and the forces/loads these systems impart on the tree. Some specific systems covered will involve footlocking, ropewalker/frogwalker setups, and rope wrench. If participants have ascent systems they are working on or have questions about, they should feel free to bring them with as we want to encourage discussion. Hands on practice of these techniques will happen in the afternoon.

Who should join this level: Tree climbers who have mastered basic rope and saddle techniques (either on a recreational or professional basis) that are looking to explore new ascent systems and gear.

Advanced Level: Tree Climbing Competition Tips and Tricks

Instructors:

Nick Grebe (Arborist, Branch and Bough Tree Service and Landscape Care, 1st place 2016 MN Tree Climbing Championship)

Pierce Wasmund (Arborist, Minneapolis Park and Rec Board, 2-time 1st place winner of MN Tree Climbing Championship)

This group will discuss the different events and rules of the Tree Climbing Championship, furthering one's understanding of the events for ways to improve performance. Focus will be on the Work Climb event, but questions about other events will be welcome. A work climb will be set up for participants to run through in the afternoon.

Who should join this level: Tree climbers who have mastered basic rope and saddle techniques and have experience ascending and climbing in large trees. Both climbers who have competed before and those who have not, are welcome.

REQUIRED GEAR!!

Minimal required gear (all gear must meet ANSI criteria):

Helmet; Safety glasses; Ankle high boots; Tree climbing saddle; Figure 8 descent device; 2x double-locking carabiners; Climbing rope; Lanyard

Participants in the intermediate and advanced levels should bring any other gear they feel useful. All life-supportive gear must meet ANSI criteria.

All instructors and techs reserve the right to inspect any piece of life-supportive gear brought by participants. They also reserve the right to deny use of any questionable, damaged, or worn equipment.

Register: www.msa-live.org/eventsnews/events/workshops

MSA Climbing Workshop Agenda

7:00 Registration begins

8:00 Introduction of instructors, layout of workshop

(Registration and introduction held at or near Kenwood Community Center (2101 W Franklin Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55405))

Beginner

8:15- Introduction to tree climbing and gear

9:45- Break

10:00- Basic tree climbing techniques

Noon- Lunch

1:00- Hands-on practice basic climbing techniques

4:00- End

Intermediate

8:15- Gear inspection/discussion (*HELD WITH ADVANCED GROUP*)

9:45- Break

10:00- Demonstration/discussion of different ascent systems/options

Noon- Lunch

1:00- Participant hands-on practice ascent techniques/systems

4:00- End

Advanced

8:15- Gear inspection/discussion (*HELD WITH INTERMEDIATE GROUP*)

9:45- Break

10:00- Discussion of Tree Climbing Competition events/rules

Noon-Lunch

1:00- Participants practice hands-on techniques and climbing skills used in the TCC

4:00- End