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Summer Newsletter & Updates

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Letter from the President



President's Message

As I write this message, it's 80 degrees at 6:00 am with humidity hovering around 87! Summer arrived in early June in the Bluegrass, and there has been no looking back as we charge into August. I hope all of our members have a great safety plan for their employees and themselves while working in this brutal heat. Come on, fall!

Your Board of Directors has been very busy planning the 2025 Conference. We are looking at a new location for the event next year, and we hope to announce the site soon, so stay tuned! We have also been planning the 2024 Kentucky Tree Climbing Competition, which will be held in Danville, Kentucky, on October 11th and 12th. Host and co-chair Jason McKinley has been busy working with Cory Petry and the KYTCC Committee to plan and execute another awesome event!

Other exciting highlights of your hard-working Board of Directors include a soon-to-be-launched website to purchase Kentucky Arborist Association clothing and gear from an online retailer. Committee chair Drew Combs and Component Executive Bonnie Burnick have been hard at work finalizing details. Members should check the KAA website www.ky-isa.org for details in the coming weeks.

Speaking of our website, if you have not checked in on it lately, please visit it to see the changes we have made. We reached out to the Kentucky Department of Agriculture's Economic Development team to provide insight and feedback on all things digital and social media. Our Component Executive and new Webmaster Bonnie Burnick has done a fantastic job updating the site. Check in often to hear about continuing education opportunities, events, and news about what is happening with the KAA.

Finally, we are looking for three new Board members to fill the roles of a few long-serving directors. If you have been looking for a chance to advance your career and serve your profession, **THIS IS YOUR CHANCE!** We are always seeking new members, new ideas, and new perspectives to help guide this awesome organization.

Thanks for allowing me to serve you and the KAA! If you have questions, feedback, or concerns, do not hesitate to reach out

to me via email at aboggs@theparklands.org.

Aaron Boggs

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Website!

2024 Kentucky Tree Climbing Championship

Date/Time: October 11 & 12, 2024
Constitution Square, Danville, KY

Climber or volunteer join us in the fun!
Free and open to the public.

Registration Link: [Click Here](#)

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Calendar of Events

- August 14, 2024, "Bur Oak Blight and Two-Lined Chestnut Bores in the Midwest" [Register Here!](#)
- August 20, 2024, "Appraising Tree Losses for Insurance Adjusters" [Register Here!](#)
- August 21, 2024, "SLF: Threats and Management Strategies" [Register Here!](#)
- August 29, 2024, "Rehabilitating Drought Stressed Trees" [Register Here!](#)
- August 28-30 "Tree Risk Assessment Qualification (TRAQ)" [Register Here!](#)
- Sept 11-12, 2024 "ISA Arborist Certification Prep Course and Exam" [Register Here!](#)
- Sept 27, 2024 "Aerial Rescue and Preparedness Training" [Register Here!](#)
- Oct 31-Nov 1, 2024 "Tree and Plant Appraisal (T-PAQ)" [Register Here!](#)
- August 12-14 "2024 ISA Annual Conference", Atlanta, GA [Register Here!](#)
- [ITCC PROMO Video](#)

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Tree Fund/Tour des Trees

The Tour des Trees is an annual long-distance cycling adventure which serves as the primary public outreach and community engagement event for **Tree Research and Education Endowment Fund (TREE Fund)**.



Since 1992, Tour des Trees riders have cycled through communities in the U.S., Canada and the U.K., planting trees, educating children and the public, and shining a light on the work done by arboriculture professionals and the importance of science-based tree care.

Let's support Dave Leonard KAA's rider in the **Tour des Trees Event**. [Click Here to Donate!](#)

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Drought? Don't Forget the Trees!

by Lindsey Purcell

The seemingly endless pattern of dry weather affects crops and plants of all kinds. So, now what? Well, with a little care, perhaps we can save some of our trees.

Effects of Drought

Water is the most limiting ecological resource for a tree, and without adequate moisture, decline and death are imminent. Drought can have a major

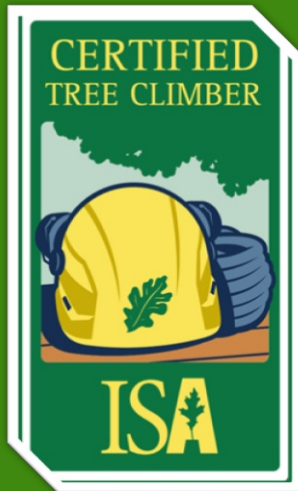
impact on tree health and survival by:

- slowing and reducing growth,
- reducing carbohydrate production,
- lowering energy reserves for survival through winter,
- inhibiting production of defense chemicals against pests, and/or
- causing death to portions or even the entire tree.

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New Opportunity! Become a Certified Tree Climber

The Kentucky Arborists' Association (KAA) is dedicated to serving the needs of our members and associates. We are excited to offer an ISA Certified Tree Climber course to everyone.

The ISA Certified Tree Climber program is designed for those who often climb trees as part of their job in the tree care industry.

The ISA Certified Tree Climber program is the only global, industry-wide climber certification to test knowledge and skills against internationally accepted standards related to skill and safe work practices. As an integral part of a career journey, being an ISA Certified Tree Climber allows you to show your competencies as a professional climber and ignites a continued passion for learning and development in this industry.

Important applicant, candidate and credential holder information is **available on this program guide**. More information about eligibility and certification requirements, as well as enrollment fees and conditions, are also included in this guide.

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Work Planning for Tree Removals by Cory Petry

In Crystal Horizon: Everest-The First Solo Ascent the Tyrolean alpinist Reinhold Messner says the only reason so many people attempt to climb Mt Everest is because it is always shrouded in clouds. If ever all the clouds were to clear away, and the immensity of Everest were evident, no one would undertake such a task. But instead, determined climbers make a plan and start putting one foot in front of the other, in hopes of reaching the top of the world.



Manual tree removals, especially large projects, can also be daunting physical and mental challenges. By “manual removals”, I mean a job where some of the debris will be controlled by rope rigging and the work will be accessed by climbing, but these ideas will translate to work from a lift. When approaching a large removal, especially in urban settings where power lines and structures may be in proximity, it can be difficult to know where to begin and a climber may be tempted to “just get up there and figure it out.” But as we say: a failure to plan is a plan to fail.

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