

USDA Forest Service
Tree Climbing Workshop
Dorena Genetic Resource Center, Cottage Grove, Oregon
June 8-12, 2009

Monday June 8 – Required for New Instructor candidates and those instructors whose certification has expired (see NOTE below)

12:30 - 1:00 Overview of agenda; objectives, responsibilities and goals of instructors
1:00 - 3:00 Instructional skill development
3:00 - 4:30 Coordinating and/or conducting tree climbing training
3:30 - 5:00 Standards for Forest Service tree climbing: Health & Safety Code, National Policy and National Tree Climbing Guide

Tuesday June 9 – Thursday June 11 - All candidates (see NOTE below)
Training will begin promptly at 7:30 am each morning; adjourn by 5:00 pm

Climber candidates will be trained in each of the following **required areas**:

- Tree Hazard assessment
- Rope and webbing characteristics and handling
- Basic equipment use, care and safety
- Task-specific knots
- 3-point climbing technique
- Descent system (Friction knot or mechanical device)
- Rescue techniques

The following additional training **modules** will be offered, either as separate topics, or in combination with one another:

- Sectional ladders •Hip thrust
- 4” tie-in self belay •Secured footlock
- Ground belay •Throwline
- Climbing spurs •Ascenders
- Chain saw endorsement (available ONLY to those meeting the prerequisites in Section 4.5.2.1 in the National Tree Climbing Guide [March 2005 edition; available at www.fs.fed.us/treeclimbing])

Friday June 12 (Depending on need)

8:00 – 12:00 Make-up and/or practice climbing; additional techniques

NOTE: All **instructor** candidates (new, and those seeking re-certification), need to be prepared to teach **each** of the required areas listed above and any listed modules for which you desire certification, or re-certification.