USDA Forest Service  
Tree Climbing Workshop Agenda  
Dorena Genetic Resource Center, Cottage Grove, Oregon  
June 8-12, 2020

Monday, June 8

*All Instructor Candidates (see NOTE below) and Facilitators- report at 8 am*
*All Climber Candidates - Training begins promptly at 12:30 pm; adjourn by 5 pm*

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

Tuesday, June 9 – Thursday, June 11

*All candidates Training begins promptly at 7:30 am each morning; adjourn by 5 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  
- 4” tie-in self belay  
- Ground belay  
- Climbing spurs  
- Hip thrust  
- Secured footlock  
- Throwline  
- Ascenders  
- Chain saw endorsement (available ONLY to those meeting the prerequisites in Section 9.3 in the National Tree Climbing Guide March 2015 edition; available at [http://www.fs.fed.us/treeclimbing/index.shtml](http://www.fs.fed.us/treeclimbing/index.shtml))

Friday, June 12

*(Depending on need) Training begins at 8 am; adjourn by 12 pm*

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.