



EASTERN / WESTERN TREE CLIMBING CHAMPIONSHIPS And Community Field Days

PRIZES:

A grand prize will be awarded to the overall winner, and additional prizes will be awarded to the top three contestants as available. **Contestants competing for points, standing, or prizes, must reside or work in Pennsylvania or Delaware, and must be PennDel Chapter ISA members in good standing.** Others are welcome to practice if the competition venue roster allows, but are ineligible for invitational competition standing or prizes. Contestants winning prizes in one competition venue are welcome to enter later competitions that year, but cannot win prizes or improve their placement or point standing.

EASTERN TREE CLIMBING CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday, May 2, 2009

Contestant Sign-in 7:00 AM

8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

The Woodlands, Philadelphia, PA 19104

Tim Bushnell Ph. 610-357-2317

WESTERN TREE CLIMBING CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday, May 16, 2009

Contestant Sign-in 7:00 AM

8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Westinghouse Park, Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Scott Sjolander desk Ph. 814-333-7440

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The primary purpose of these annual championships and field days is education. The Tree Climbing Championship brings together the area's most experienced climbers for the benefit of friendly competition and the exchange of ideas and techniques. This will enable participants the opportunity to experience state-of-the-art-climbing techniques, equipment innovations, and safety regulations under simulated working conditions. Rules for each event will be available for review on the day of the Climbing Championship. It is the responsibility of each contestant to review the rules and address any questions with the judges **prior** to participating in each event.

The five events are as follows:

1. **WORK CLIMB** (Journeyman & Apprentice = less than 2 years experience)
The work climb is designed to judge the contestant's ability to safely advance through various workstations in the tree while on a rope and saddle. Each participant is allowed approximately 5 minutes to demonstrate climbing skills and complete the course.
2. **BELAYED SPEED CLIMB**
This timed event tests the competitor's ability to climb a predetermined route from ground to approximately 60 feet up a tree with a belayed climbing line attached for safety. The competitor must reach and ring a bell at the top of the course in the least time possible.
3. **SECURED FOOTLOCK**
The Secured Footlock measures the contestant's ability to perform a vertical ascent into a tree using a Prusik hitch or other approved friction hitch for fall protection and the footlock rope-climbing method on a doubled climbing line. The heights are 15 meters (49' 2.5") for the men's event and 12 meters (39' 4.5") for the women and apprentice's events. Mechanical ascenders may not be used. The event is timed, and the contestant with the fastest time wins.
4. **THROW LINE EVENT**
The Throwline is a timed event that tests the contestant's ability to accurately place a throwline and climbing line in a tree at heights between 40 and 60 feet.
5. **AERIAL RESCUE**
The simulated aerial rescue is designed to measure the ability of each contestant to reach a worker in a tree, inspect for injury, and evacuate the injured worker from a tree to the ground safely, quickly, and efficiently.
6. **MASTER'S CHALLENGE** will not be held at regional events.

**INVITATIONAL MASTER'S CHALLENGE TO BE ANNOUNCED
TO BE HELD ON JUNE 20, 2009**

Demonstrations & Equipment Exhibitors.
 No alcohol permitted. Join the Penn-Del
 Chapter in this grand event.
 Bring the family, kids, friends, and a picnic!
HAVE FUN!

**WATCH THE CLIMBING
 EVENTS!**



**TALK WITH EQUIPMENT
 DEALERS**



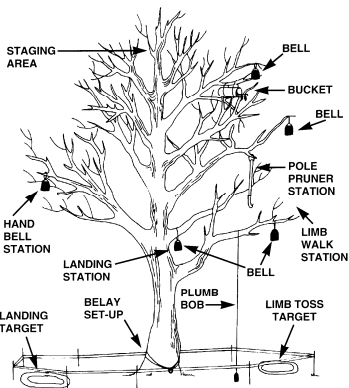
**EQUIPMENT
 DEMONSTRATIONS**



*REFRESHMENTS AND
 CONCESSIONS
 WILL BE AVAILABLE*

ISA TreeWorker exam
 candidates can compete here
 and waive the skills test!

Ask Scott Sjolander how.
 Desk Phone (814) 333-7440



*If you require further information,
 please contact:*

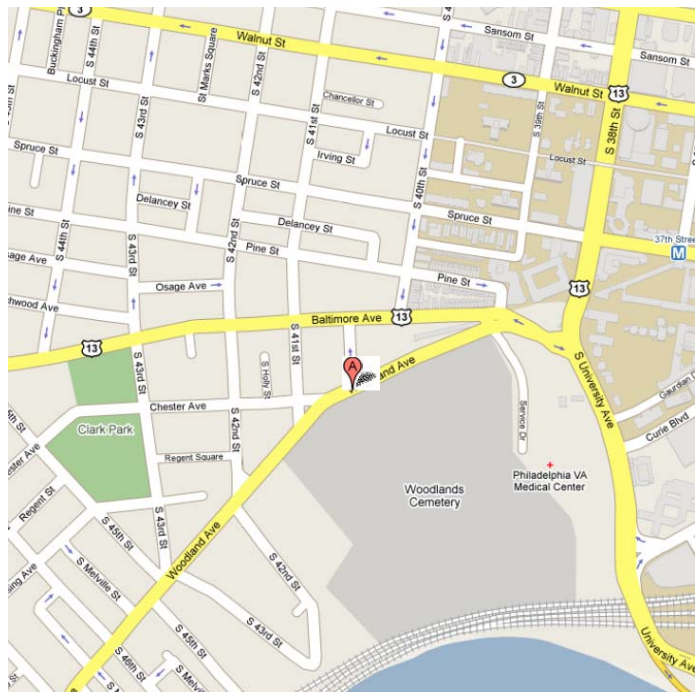
<i>Eastern</i>	<i>Western</i>
Tim Bushnell or	Scott Sjolander
(610) 357-2317	(814) 333-7440

EASTERN TREE CLIMBING CHAMPIONSHIP

The Woodlands National Historic Site

4000 Woodland Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19104-4560

Saturday May 2, 2009



Directions from I-76

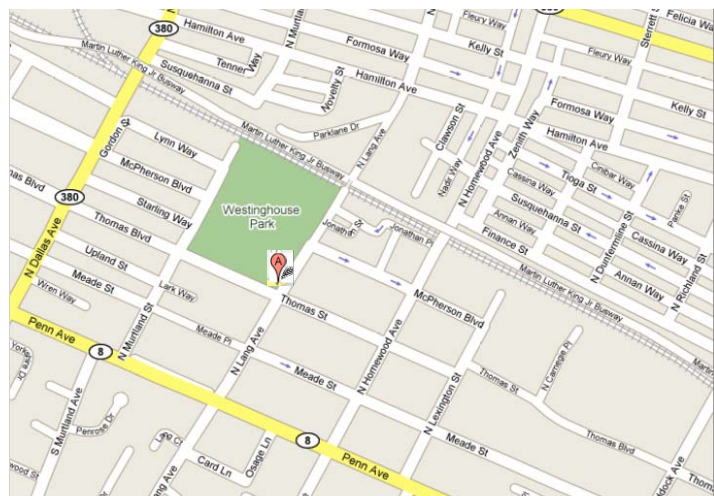
I-76(toll road) exit 346B (University Avenue) toward Gray's Ferry Ave. for 0.2 miles. Take the right fork to onto South University Ave for 0.5 mi. Turn left onto US 13 for 0.1 mi. Turn slight left onto Woodland Ave. for 0.2 mi. Arrive at the Woodlands and watch for signs.

WESTERN TREE CLIMBING CHAMPIONSHIP

Westinghouse Park

N. Lang Ave & Thomas Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15208

Saturday May 16, 2009



Directions from I-376 east of the Squirrel Hill Tunnel

Merge onto I-376/ US22/US30. Take Exit to Edgewood/Swissvale (Exit 7 from the West) or (Exit 8B from the East) for 0.1 mi. Take the ramp N to Edgewood for 0.3 mi. Merge north onto PA8/Penn Ave. for 2.2 mi. Turn right onto N. Lang Ave. for 2 blocks (0.1 mi. to Thomas Blvd. at the southeast corner of Westinghouse Park. Look for signage to direct you to the entrance. Parking is on-street.



Contestant Waiver Form ISA Penn-DEL Chapter



WAIVER AND HOLD HARMLESS BY CONTESTANT

CERTIFICATION AND WAIVER BY EMPLOYER OF CONTESTANT

In consideration of acceptance of my application for entry as a contestant in the Eastern and/or Western Penn-Del Tree Climbing Championship, I hereby waive any and all claims I may have at any time, and any and all claims which might otherwise be made by, or on behalf of, or on account of me, or by any person or entity in any way as my subrogate against The International Society of Arboriculture, The Penn-Del Chapter, its officers, directors, employees, agents, members, guests, invitees, and any person who would be lawfully entitled to indemnification from any of them for any liability to, or on behalf of, or on account of, or in consequence of my activities or participation in The Tree Climbing Championship, or in any other way related to the Tree Climbing Championship. I further agree to hold the Woodlands, Westinghouse Park, Cities of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, The International Society of Arboriculture and the Penn-Del Chapter, its officers, directors, employees, agents, members, volunteers, guests, invitees, safe and harmless from any expenses relating in any way to injuries sustained by me in any way related to The Tree Climbing Championship. I recognize and assume all risks and danger involved in my participation, and will not under any circumstances rely upon the care, attention, or assurances of anyone other than myself for matters relating to my safety.

I hereby certify that I am the employer or a duly authorized representative of the employer of the above named individual planning to participate in the Tree Climbing Championship and that the employer has encouraged this participation. I further certify that I have satisfactorily confirmed that the employee will be covered by statutory protection levels of Worker's Compensation Insurance or the equivalent, for any injuries sustained in the course of this participation. The employer hereby waives any and all subrogation claims it may have against the Woodlands, Westinghouse Park, Cities of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, The International Society of Arboriculture and The Penn-Del Chapter, its officers, directors, employees, agents, members, guests, or invitees, as an insurance carrier, or otherwise in its behalf, in the event any claim or injury results from this participation, and will hold same safe and harmless from any expense for defense, settlement, payment of damages or other expenses relating in any way to subrogation or other claims by or on behalf of this employer relating to injuries sustained by this employee. I further certify that I am duly authorized to execute this Certification and Waiver on behalf of the employer, and that any, and all necessary resolutions have been passed and adopted by the employer.

The exact name and address of employer, and State of incorporation is:

Dated This _____ Day of _____, 2009

Dated This _____ Day of _____, 2009

Employer Name: _____

Contestant's Signature

Employer Address: _____

(PRINT NAME)

State of Incorporation: _____

Circle One:

EASTERN

WESTERN

Saturday, May 2, 2009

Saturday, May 16, 2009

(Signature of Employer or Authorized Representative)

PRINT NAME _____



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2009 Competitors may compete in both the Eastern and Western Championships

REGISTRATION: By mail only, through lottery, unless slots remain the day of competition; then only as available and with proper waiver form endorsements. This form must be completely filled in and post-marked by April 17, 2009 (*Eastern*) or May 1, 2009 (*Western*) to be considered pre-registered. The field in each event is limited to 25 competitors.

EASTERN

COST: Pre-registered Contestant fee is \$60 non-refundable. Registration after April 17, 2009 is \$65 non-refundable.
Check Payable To: Penn-Del Chapter ISA

MAIL TO: Michele Millard,
Davey /The Care of Trees
131 East Church Road
King of Prussia, PA 19406

Pre-registered Contestants: Includes CLIMBING CHAMPIONSHIP T-shirt & Rule Book (\$25 Value)

Circle T-shirt Size:

S M L XL XXL XXXL

Circle Competition Category:
Apprentice or Journeyman

Name: _____
Company: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

WESTERN

COST: Pre-registered Contestant fee is \$60 non-refundable. Registration after May 1, 2009 is \$65 non-refundable.
Check Payable To: Penn-Del Chapter ISA

MAIL TO: Scott Sjolander,
Penn State Cooperative Extension,
13400 Dunham Rd, Suite A,
Meadville, PA 16335

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WAIVER FORM: The waiver form must be signed by contestant and returned before they will be permitted to compete.

REMEMBER: The use of locking rope snaps or double-locking carabiners is required. Climber is to be tied in at all times. A list of rules and judging procedures will be available for inspection at the registration desk. Also, a confirmation letter and a copy of the rules will be sent to you if you are pre-registered and qualify to compete. If you have any questions prior to the competition date please call Tim Bushnell (*Eastern*) at (610) 357-2317 or Scott Sjolander (*Western*) at (814) 333-7440.