

INTRODUCTION TO  
TREE CLIMBING  
FOR ARBORISTS



LIMITED TO 25 STUDENTS  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2019  
ONE LOCATION ONLY: FORT WALTON BEACH  
CEUs: ISA - 7 BCMA - M-7

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Florida Chapter ISA presents:

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CLIMBING FOR ARBORISTS

Wednesday, December 11, 2019  
First Baptist Church of Fort Walton Beach  
Fort Walton Beach, Florida

This class is intended for arborists  
with minimal or limited experience  
climbing trees with rope and saddle.

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## OUR INSTRUCTORS

This class will be taught by highly experienced and skilled climbing arborists who have competed in and judged at many tree climbing competitions, including past winners at our annual Florida TCC event. The instructor/student ratio is 5 to 1, affording a lot of individual attention. Instructors: **Rob Calley** (Backridge Tree Service) and **Carson Smith** (O'Neil's Tree Service) along with additional outdoor instructors **Colin Kelly** (A Cut Above Tree and Landscape), **Nick Meyers** (Advance Tree Pros) and **Tim Walters** (Miller's Tree Service) plus safety advisor **Mike Cross** (ArborWorks, LLC).

## ONE LOCATION

### NORTH FLORIDA

#### - Fort Walton Beach

**Wednesday - December 11, 2019**

**Christian Life Center at First Baptist Church of Fort Walton Beach**

**21 First Street SE - Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548**

**venue phone 850-226-6905**

#### DIRECTIONS:

##### FROM I-10 from the East:

From I-10, head south on 285 (exit 70 toward Niceville/Eglin AFB) and travel 16 miles. Turn right onto E. College Boulevard, travel 4.5 miles. Turn right onto FL-85 S/Eglin Parkway and travel 11 miles. Turn right onto Eglin Parkway SE/First Street SE and within 350 feet turn right at the first cross street onto First Street SE. The church and the Christian Life Center building is on the right. You will pass other churches before reaching First Baptist Church.

##### FROM I-10 from the West:

From I-10, head south on FL-85 (exit 56 for Okaloosa/Destin/Niceville) and travel 11 miles. Follow exit toward Hurlburt Field and continue on FL-123, travel 4 miles. Keep right at the fork and merge onto FL-85 S/ Eglin Parkway and travel 8.5 miles. Turn right onto Eglin Parkway SE/First Street SE and within 350 feet turn right at the first cross street onto First Street SE. The church and the Christian Life Center building is on the right. You will pass other churches before reaching First Baptist Church.

**Please dress for your comfort level for both indoors and outdoors; we cannot always control the room temperature to suit everyone.**



## LEARN

***This class is intended for*** arborists with minimal or limited experience climbing trees with rope and saddle. It is preferred that students bring their own gear to learn on their own equipment, however, a minimum amount of PPE and climbing gear will be available at the class.

All students will be leaving the ground and moving around the tree but always with an instructor in close proximity in the tree to maximize climber instruction and safety. The primary objective of this course is to teach students a basic understanding of proper climbing methods, safety working in trees, and to have a basic knowledge platform to start a career as a tree climbing arborist. Much more on-the-job-training will be required to gain proficiency.

***Important:*** You will be asked to sign a waiver prior to the class beginning. Please be advised that climbing trees with rope and saddle requires a modest amount of physical agility and modest to high capacity cardio-fitness. Our instructors reserve the right to reject students that they feel are not sufficiently fit to safely complete the tree climbing exercises required to complete the class. Refunds will be available. Our instructors also reserve the right to reject student gear they deem unsafe for use. Some loaner equipment will be available.

***Who should attend:*** This class will afford you the opportunity to learn to climb trees using the latest, most efficient climbing techniques used in modern arboriculture today. This is a great opportunity for tree service companies to send recent hires and get back an employee who is trained in the latest safe efficient climbing technology.

***Limited Capacity:*** This class has a very limited capacity, (just 25 students), and we expect to have high demand and it will fill up fast. First come first served. Register now!

## WHAT TO BRING

***Students should bring/wear:*** long pants, long or short sleeve work shirt, sturdy above-the-ankle work boots, hard hat with chin strap, eye protection, your climbing gear (climbing saddle, 75 to 90 foot ½" climbing line, 2 double locking carabiners, eye to eye, hitch climber pulley or similar, rope wrench, foot ascender, chest tether, throwline and ball, and work positioning lanyard).

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## AGENDA

**8:00 – 8:30 Registration** with Continental Breakfast

**8:30 – 9:00 A Brief History of Tree Climbing** (Indoor)  
**Carson Smith**

Learn how tree climbing techniques have progressed over the years and what our objectives are as a production arborist working aloft.

**9:00 – 9:30 Rules to Live by as Climbers** (Indoor)  
**Rob Calley**

A brief overview of the ANSI Z133 and how these standards are the basis for tree worker safety.

**9:30 – 10:00 General Safety and Electrical Hazards** (Indoor)  
**Carson Smith**

This session will teach important aspects of general climbing safety and an overview of electrical hazards common in arboricultural work.

**10:00 - 10:15 Break**  
(Move outside into instructor groups)

**10:15 – 4:30 Outdoor Stations**  
Lunch 12:00-12:45 (provided)

This portion will be hands on training with an Instructor with 5 climbers per group/instructor. You will learn:

- o PPE and gear check
- o Tree risk assessment for climbers
- o Tie-in selection/installing climbing line/friction savers
- o MRS and SRS components/knots
- o Efficient ascent and descent
- o Movement and positioning in tree (lanyard use, rope angles, limb walk, redirects, and work positioning)

**4:30 Adjourn** and sign for CEUs

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