

2009 FCTCC Invitation

I would like to take this time to invite the Florida Chapter's professional climbers to compete in the Florida Chapter ISA's 2009 Tree Climbing Championships. This year's event will be held on Friday, June 12th & Saturday, June 13th in Sarasota, Florida. The winner of this year's competition will be representing the Florida Chapter at the International Tree Climbing Championships, July 26 & 27 in Providence, Rhode Island.

We will be holding a 2 day event with the 5 preliminary being held Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. The Masters Challenge will be held on Saturday afternoon.

Due to a large interest in this year's competition, thanks in many ways to the outstanding work performed by the Official Unofficial Tree Climbing Team, I am requesting that anyone who will be competing should send their sign up forms early, to the chapter or myself to ensure their spot on this year's roster. This is an open invitation to all climbers working in the Florida Chapter, both men and women who are members in good standing on or before this event. We would like to name and send a men's and women's champion on to the International TCC this year. In the past our chapter has allowed many participants to sign up and compete up to the start of the event, this year we can only allow 25 competitors and space may be limited. Spots will be given on a first come first serve basis.

The tentative agenda will be as follows:

Friday PM begins at 12 noon
 Sign in and gear inspection
 Judges' introduction and event reviews
 Assignment of Climbing group & starting events

Saturday AM Light breakfast at 6 AM
 Competition begins at 7 AM

Saturday PM Masters Challenge & Awards

The winner of each of these events will be awarded during the afternoon break and the Master Challenge competitors named. The climbers moving forward into the Masters Challenge will then be given the time to review the event along with the judging team and then prepare to compete.

There are scheduled family events for conference attendees and FCTCC participants during the day Saturday, along with live demonstrations from selected equipment vendors.

This year's Master Challenge champion will be announced on site Saturday afternoon following the Master Challenge. There will be a TCC cookout onsite directly after.

If there are any questions about this year's championships, or if you would like to help in anyway with site set-up or sponsorship, along with making this event an outstanding time for all, please contact me.

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TREE CLIMBING CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY FORM

Please Print CLEARLY

Contestant's Name _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ ISA Member Number (required) _____

Employed by: _____

Number of years you have climbed: _____

Waiver and Hold-Harmless by Contestant

In consideration of acceptance of my application for entry as a contestant in the Climbing Championship, I hereby waive any and all claims I may have at anytime, and any and all claims which might otherwise be made by, or on behalf of, or on account of me, or by me, or by any person or entity in any way as my subrogee against the property owner and the International Society of Arboriculture, its officers, directors, employees, agents, members, guests, invitees, and any person who would be lawfully entitled to indemnification from them for any liability to, or on behalf of, or on account of me, for any injuries or damages of any kind whatsoever arising on account of or in consequence of my activities or participation in the Climbing Championship, or in any other way related to the Climbing Championship. I further agree to hold the property owner and the International Society of Arboriculture, its officers, directors, employees, agents, members, guests and invitees, safe and harmless from any expense for defense, settlement, payment of damages, or other expenses related in any way to injuries sustained by me in any way related to the 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 assurance of anyone other than myself for matters relating to my safety.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2009.

Signature of Contestant _____

Certification and Waiver by Employer of Contestant

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 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 Workers Compensation Insurance or the equivalent, for any injuries sustained in the course of participation. The employer hereby waives any and all subrogation claims it may have against the property owner and the International Society of Arboriculture, its officers, directors, employees, agents, members, guests, or invitees, as a result of any compensation or their benefits or expenses incurred or paid by it, its insurance carrier, or otherwise on its behalf, in the event any claim or injury results from this participation, and will hold the property owner and the International Society of Arboriculture, its officers, directors, employees, agents, members, guests, and invitees safe and harmless from any expense for defense, settlement, payment of damages and other expenses relating in any way 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 duly passed and adopted by the employer.

The exact name and address of the employer, and state of incorporation if applicable is:

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2009.

Signature of Employer or Authorized Representative _____