



Tree Climbing Championship:

August 16 • Pierce Park • Appleton

The WAA Tree Climbing Championship will be held on Saturday, August 16, 2008, at Pierce Park in Appleton, WI. Registered competitors are to report early in the morning for instructions and gear checks, with the five preliminary events beginning by 8:30 a.m. A Masters' Challenge will determine the men's division champion following the preliminary events mid-afternoon. Prizes and awards will follow the Masters' Challenge. (The WAA Summer Workshop will be held separately on Thursday, July 10.) We will be following the current ITCC rules.

For the Tree Climbing Championship application go to www.waa-isa.org. Completed applications will be due Monday, July 21, 2008. Applications must be completed in full and mailed, along with payment, to the chairman, and postmarked by the due date.

Since we anticipate more competitors than we can accommodate (30), a fair selection process will be implemented. On-time registrants, current WAA members, top-performing competitors from 2007, and women competitors will have priority registration. A lottery system will choose the remaining competitors, with considerations made to diversifying the tree care organizations represented. We expect that each men's division competitor will have reasonable skills in each event. We are asking that organizations select and send their best competitors: one to three men's division climbers per organization. However, we understand that some organizations have more than three top-caliber climbers.

Women competitors are strongly encouraged to compete! Our goal is to have five women competitors this year. Our goal is to include as many climbers as possible while respecting the workload of the 35 judges, scorekeepers, and volunteers needed to hold this event.

Being a Saturday, we are planning on having a larger public presence. We encourage WAA members, family, friends, neighbors, and the general public to come out and cheer on the climbers!

Many volunteers are need for the WAA TCC. Please contact Mike Wendt by the end of July if you would like to help out by email at treguy@wi.rr.com.