



2009 Tree Keepers Schedule

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Tree Keepers is full of great information, from tree identification and species selection to urban soils, planting, pruning and diagnosing problems. While workshops may be taken individually, attendance is required at all five to become a Tree Keeper Graduate. Graduates are asked to volunteer a total of 24 hours with Heartland Tree Alliance on public property and receive a certificate and wallet card upon completion of hours.

Tree Keeper Graduates who volunteer 24 hours are considered Tree Stewards. Tree Stewards receive a t-shirt and are eligible to become HTA Supervisors.

Workshops are taught by area foresters and arborists. Heartland Tree Alliance's Tree Keeper workshops are designed as introductory classes into the world of trees, not as professional accreditation. The study of trees is both science and art, so you may hear different opinions during these workshops, which is both healthy and natural.

To register for Tree Keeper workshops, please send an e-mail to treemail@bridgingthegap.org or call 816-561-1061, ext. 125.

2009 Workshops

The Urban Forest: An Introduction to Trees, the Benefits They Provide, Tree Identification and How to Become a Tree Advocate (includes outdoor session; \$15)

Description:

Participants will learn about the social, environmental and economic benefits trees provide. The class will also give an introduction to tree identification, including leaf shape and arrangements and other characteristics used to identify trees. Participants will also learn about reference books and how to use a tree identification key and get hands-on practice using the key in the field. The class includes an introduction to how people can become advocates for the community forest.

Class Dates and Locations

- Tuesday, June 16, 5:00-9:00 PM; Eisenhower Community Center, Kansas City, Kansas
- Saturday, July 11, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM; Tomahawk Ridge Community Center, Overland Park, Kansas
- Saturday, August 22, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM; Discovery Center, Kansas City, Missouri
- Tuesday, October 13, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM; Gladstone Community Center, Gladstone, Missouri

Urban Soils and Basic Tree Biology (\$10)

Description:

Participants will learn about soils, their function, physical properties, pH and essential elements in soils. They also learn the basic parts of the tree and their function, as well as their role in the health and survival of trees. The course includes information on biological processes in trees.

Class Dates and Locations

- Saturday, March 14, 9:00-11:00 AM; Discovery Center, Kansas City, Missouri
- Tuesday, April 7, 9:00-11:00 AM; Gladstone Community Center, Gladstone, Missouri
- Tuesday, June 9, 6:30-8:30 PM; Ryan Lawn & Tree, Overland Park, Kansas
- Saturday, August 8, 9:00 – 11:00 AM; Eisenhower Community Center, Kansas City, Kansas
- Saturday, September 12, 9:00-11:00 AM- Burr Oak Woods, Blue Springs, Missouri
- Saturday, October 17, 9:00-11:00 AM; Discovery Center, Kansas City, Missouri

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2009 Workshops, continued

Tree Planting (includes outdoor session; pre-requisite - Urban Soils and Basic Tree Biology; \$15)

Description:

Participants will learn why trees struggle in an urban environment. Participants will also learn about site characteristics and how to select the right species of tree for the right location. Proper planting techniques will be covered, as well as information on watering, mulching, fertilizing and staking. This workshop includes an outdoor session where participants will get hand-on experience planting a tree.

Class Dates and Locations

- Saturday, March 28, 9:00 AM-Noon; Brush Creek Community Center, Kansas City, Missouri
- Tuesday, April 14, 9:00 AM-Noon; Gladstone Community Center, Gladstone, Missouri
- Tuesday, September 15, 6:00-9:00 PM; Tomahawk Ridge Community Center, Overland Park, Kansas
- Saturday, October 3, 9:00 AM-Noon; Eisenhower Community Center, Kansas City, Kansas

Tree Pruning (includes outdoor session; pre-requisite - Urban Soils and Basic Tree Biology - must attend this workshop to attend an HTA pruning event; \$15)

Description:

Participants will learn about proper tree pruning technique. This class will also cover the appropriate times to prune and the tools you should use. This session includes an outdoor session where participants will get hands-on experience pruning trees.

Class Dates and Locations

- Tuesday, June 23, 5:00-9:00 PM; Tomahawk Ridge Community Center, Overland Park, Kansas
- Saturday, July 18, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM; Discovery Center, Kansas City, Missouri
- Saturday, September 19, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM; Eisenhower Community Center, Kansas City, Kansas
- Thursday, December 10, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM; Gladstone Community Center, Gladstone, Missouri

Tree Problems (\$10)

Description:

Participants will learn about the various insects and diseases that affect trees. This class also covers hazard trees from an informational standpoint only, understanding that hazard trees can only be identified by a professional.

Class Dates and Locations

- Saturday, May 23, 9:00-11:00 AM; Ryan Lawn & Tree, Overland Park, Kansas
- Thursday, July 9, 9:00-11:00 AM; Eisenhower Community Center, Kansas City, Kansas
- Thursday, September 17, 6:30-8:30 PM; Discovery Center, Kansas City, Missouri
- Saturday, November 7, 9:00-11:00 AM; Gladstone Community Center, Gladstone, Missouri

Location Addresses:

Brush Creek Community Center - 3801 Emmanuel Cleaver II Boulevard, Kansas City, Missouri 64110

Burr Oak Woods - 1401 NW Park Road, Blue Springs, Missouri 64015

Discovery Center - 4750 Troost Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64110

Eisenhower Community Center - 2901 N 72nd Street, Kansas City, Kansas 66109

Gladstone Community Center - 6901 N Holmes, Gladstone, Missouri 64118

Ryan Lawn & Tree - 9120 Barton Street, Overland Park, Kansas 66214

Tomahawk Ridge Community Center - 11902 Lowell, Overland Park 66213



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