

2024 GREAT PLAINS SUMMER FIELD DAYS

AUGUST 15 & AUGUST 16, 2024
CAROL JOY HOLLING CENTER
ASHLAND, NEBRASKA

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EARN UP TO 14 NAA & ISA (PENDING) CERTIFICATION CREDITS. VALUABLE TRAINING FOR ALL TREE PROFESSIONALS!

The Nebraska Arborists Association is excited to announce a great line-up of educational sessions and activities for the 2024 Great Plains Summer Field Days on August 15th & 16th. Carol Joy Holling Center near Ashland will be the host site for the Field Day events. You will also be able to connect with other professionals while enjoying the beautiful scenery of the center. We hope you can join us for education and networking at the 2024 Great Plains Summer Field Days at the Carol Joy Holling Center near Ashland (27416 Ranch Rd). Early registration guarantees a FREE NAA T-shirt (register by July 21).

FEATURED SPEAKERS >>>>



Tanner Bartee, Academy Trained

Tanner Bartee is a first-generation arborist from Clintwood, VA. He is an ISA Certified Arborist, CTSP (Certified Tree Safety Professional), NCCER Certified Crane Operator, instructor for Academy Trained, and has been in the industry for over 7 years, sharing his love and passion for the tree care industry with his fellow brothers and sisters in the industry!



Nicole "Carni" Benjamin, Academy Trained

Nicole "Carni" Benjamin, an ISA Certified Arborist, began her journey at Heartwood Tree Service, where she navigated a steep learning curve and gained diverse experience in tree work. Transitioning to subcontracting with her husband in 2018, they undertook a range of projects from utility work to treehouse builds. Nicole has worn multiple hats in the industry—groundie, climber, crew leader, owner, and safety officer—acknowledging the importance and respect each role deserves. Based near Charlotte with her family and a spirited bluetick coonhound, they traverse the USA for tree climbing events, workshops, and conferences.



COURSE DESCRIPTIONS >>>>

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2024

Climber Operations - Tanner Bartee & Nicole "Carni" Benjamin

This course equips participants with essential skills and knowledge for safe and effective tree-climbing operations. Participants will learn fundamental techniques and best practices essential for tree care professionals and arborists. *Up to 30 attendees will have the opportunity for hands-on training. *Students MUST provide their own climbing harness and PPE.*

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 2024

Chainsaw Operations - Tanner Bartee & Nicole "Carni" Benjamin

This training course covers essential skills for precision chainsaw maintenance and operations. Topics include chainsaw maintenance (G.U.T.S), chain sharpening, proper starting procedures, handling techniques, limbing and cutting procedures, a 7-part plan for felling trees, and an introduction to precision felling operations. Participants will learn best practices for safe and effective chainsaw use. *Up to 30 attendees will have the opportunity for hands-on training. *Students MUST provide their own chainsaw and PPE.*

Why Do Trees Care About Soil? - Luke Scheberl

Urban tree managers must include soil health as a crucial component of tree health. We will discuss the importance of several soil parameters, how to quickly measure them in the field, and their role in tree health. By understanding the soil, we can better understand and care for the trees that we care for.

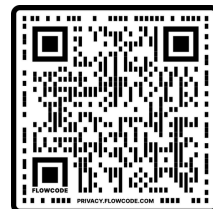
Abiotic Tree Disorders & Decline - John Ball

The solution to some tree problems is not a pesticide: a look at common abiotic problems and their management.

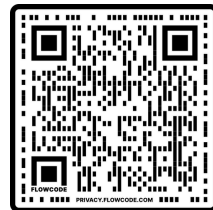
The New Z133 Safety Standard - John Ball

An update on the new standards that apply to all tree work, whether performed by an arborist, grounds worker, or landscaper.

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2024

- 7:30 a.m. – 7:45 a.m. Registration & Breakfast
- 7:45 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. NAA Board President – Welcome - *Town Hall*
- 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Climber Operations – Tanner Bartee & Nicole Benjamin - *Town Hall*
- 10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Break
- 10:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Climber Operations Continued – Tanner Bartee & Nicole Benjamin - *Town Hall*
- 11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Buffet Lunch
- 12:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. Climber Operations Continued – Tanner Bartee & Nicole Benjamin - *Town Hall*
- 2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Break
- 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Climber Operations Continued – Tanner Bartee & Nicole Benjamin - *Town Hall*
- 4:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. Closing Remarks - *Town Hall*

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 2024

- 7:30 a.m. – 7:45 a.m. Registration & Breakfast
- 7:45 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. NAA Board President – Welcome & Award Presentation - *Town Hall*
- 8:05 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Chainsaw Operations – Tanner Bartee & Nicole Benjamin - *Town Hall*
- 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Break with Vendors & Demos
- 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 a.m. Chainsaw Operations Continued – Tanner Bartee & Nicole Benjamin - *Town Hall*
- 12:30 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. Buffet Lunch & Break with Vendors & Demos
- 1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. Why Do Trees Care About Soil? – Luke Scheberl - *Town Hall*
- 2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Break with Vendors & Demos
- 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Breakout A: Hands-On Soil Testing – Luke Scheberl (35 Max) - *Hotel Theodore*
- 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Breakout B: Abiotic Tree Disorders & Decline - John Ball - *Town Hall*
- 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Breakout C: Hands-On Soil Testing – Luke Scheberl (35 Max) - *Hotel Theodore*
- 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Breakout D: The New Z133 Safety Standard - John Ball - *Town Hall*
- 4:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. Closing Remarks & Raffle Drawing - *Town Hall*

*The NAA is not liable for any injury or damage resulting from the willful acts of attendees. Attendees assume all risks and dangers relating to the Field Day events, whether occurring prior to, during, or after the event.





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