

# 2018 TEXAS TREE CLIMBING CHAMPIONSHIP

MAY 17, 12PM- MAY 19, 12PM | GETZENDANER PARK - WAXAHACHIE



Join the Texas Chapter ISA (International Society of Arboriculture) Tree Climbing Championship which simulates working conditions of arborists in the field. Competitors perform five different events during the preliminary round. Each event tests a competitor's ability to professionally and safely maneuver in a tree while performing work-related tree care tasks in a timely manner. This exciting event promotes safe work practices and is an excellent venue to demonstrate innovations in equipment while receiving industry recognition. Meet individuals, professionals, and organizations who are dedicated to the preservation, health, and care of trees!

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<http://ISATexas.com/events/tree-climbing-competition>

# EVENTS

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**THROWLINE** tests a climber's ability to install a climbing line high in the tree.

**BELAYED SPEED CLIMB** hand over hand climbing to the top of a 50 foot tree. This is a pure power house event.

**ASCENT** this event assesses the competitor's efficiency in attaching the ascent system to the ascent line(s), ascending to the bell, and transferring into a descent system.

**AERIAL RESCUE** a 160 pound dummy is set in a tree in a simulated injury - rescue scenario. The climber must access the situation and safely bring the injured climber to the ground.

**WORK CLIMB** we set four stations in the tree, climber's time starts when they are already in the top of the tree and finish when they are on the ground and unclip from their gear.

**HAND BELL STATION** - climbers simply ring a bell with a hand saw carried on their harness.

**POLE SAW STATION** - climbers use a pole saw (already hanging in the tree) to ring a bell.

**LIMB TOSS** - using a short piece of pvc pipe that stimulates a branch, climbers, toss the limb into a target painted on the ground (as if to avoid dropping a branch on a customers prized rose bush!)

**LIMB WALK** - a plumb-bob is hung from the end of a long low branch. Climbers must climb out to the end of the limb and ring a bell without putting too much weight on the limb. You have to put all your weight in the saddle vs. standing on the limb. If you put too much weight on the limb, the plumb-bob will drop and set off a buzzer!

The top 5 finishers from the preliminary events qualify to compete in the Master's Challenge where the winner earns the right to compete in North American Tree Climbing Championship. The Master's Challenge combines all the skills from the preliminary rounds into one big climb.



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