

2018 Citizen Forester Training

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Cross Timbers Urban Forestry Council

- ▶ **Mission:** To increase awareness in urban and community forestry.
- ▶ **Goals:**
 - ▶ Promote a sustainable urban forest in our region
 - ▶ Provide educational opportunities for local arborists, Citizen Foresters, and the public
 - ▶ Support municipal forestry programs

CTUFC Fun Facts

- ▶ We have about 70 members made up of professional arborists, city and other governmental entity personnel, tree nurseries, Citizen Foresters, and other interested citizens.
- ▶ Started in 1990 as Re-Leaf Tarrant County. Has gone through an evolution and is now a grass roots nonprofit organization supporting community forestry in the 17 county Cross Timbers Region.
- ▶ The money raised is used to support our urban forests in a number of ways.
 - ▶ Co-hosts a one-day annual conference attended by a wide variety of tree professionals and interested people.
 - ▶ Provides scholarships to students wanting to study forestry.
 - ▶ Provides for education and outreach concerning trees.
 - ▶ Sponsors tree related activities.
 - ▶ Sponsors the Citizen Forestry Program.
- ▶ There is a page in your notebook with the names and contact information for the Board Members.

Citizen Foresters

- ▶ **Mission:** Develop partnerships between Cross Timbers Urban Forestry Council, regional municipalities, and individual citizens dedicated to restoring, enhancing and protecting the urban forest.
- ▶ **Objectives:**
 - ▶ Expand the capabilities of municipalities in the CTUFC region to maintain urban forests.
 - ▶ Educate and train citizen volunteers to support local municipalities in maintaining public tree health.
 - ▶ Develop and maintain a citizen network to promote urban forestry to local governments.

Citizen Forester Regions

- ▶ We are organized into 4 regions at the present - hoping to have more.
 - ▶ Fort Worth - David Coke
 - ▶ Arlington - Patsy Miller
 - ▶ Grapevine - Karen Rice
 - ▶ Denton - Celia Spilotro
 - ▶ Weatherford - ?

Logistics

- ▶ Please do try to get to know each other. We are a team and team members know each other.
- ▶ We will start each Session promptly at 9:00 AM. Please be early to be ready to go at 9.
- ▶ Introduction to your notebook.
- ▶ Technical Resources on line.

Logistics

- ▶ We have assigned your seating and it will change each time. Leave your name tents behind, and they will be set up differently for each class.
- ▶ You will use the same name badge each session. I'm hoping to have a proper lanyard for each of you by the next class. We'd prefer that you leave it behind after each class, but if you do make it home with it, please remember to have it with you at the next class.
- ▶ You will be receiving a survey in your email after each session. Please respond to it being totally honest in your feedback. We are working hard to be better and need to know what needs to change.

Citizen Forester Rules and Graduation Requirements

- ▶ Attendance Requirements
 - ▶ Best if you don't miss a minute.
 - ▶ And, that you are “present” during the training.
 - ▶ Graduate as a Certified Citizen Forester if you miss one class or the equivalent of one class.
 - ▶ Graduate as a Citizen Forester if you attend at least 6 of the classes.
 - ▶ You can earn Certification the following year if you fulfill the requirements.
- ▶ Your instructors and their employers are giving of their time to provide the training. We owe it to them and to our publicly owned trees to give it our best.

On-going participation requirements

- ▶ To be a Certified Citizen Forester you must contribute at least 20 hours/year of Volunteer Time and earn at least 5 hours/year of Continuing Education Time.
- ▶ To be a Citizen Forester you must contribute at least 10 hours of Volunteer Time.
- ▶ You can go back and forth between Certified Citizen Forester and Citizen Forester.
- ▶ If you go two years without achieving at least meeting the Citizen Forester requirements you must repeat the training to participate in the program.

Let's get to know each other. 2.5 minutes each.

- ▶ What is your name?
- ▶ Where were you born?
- ▶ How long have you been in the DFW Metroplex?
- ▶ What part of the Metroplex do you live in?
- ▶ Tell us something interesting about yourself. Please brag! We won't know what makes you special if you don't tell us.
- ▶ Why are you taking this class?