


**2019 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

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CTUFC Fun Facts

- We have about 100 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 forests in the 17 county Cross Timbers Region.
- The money raised is used to support our urban forests in a number of ways.
 - Co-host a one-day annual conference attended by a wide variety of tree professionals and people with an interest in trees.
 - Provide scholarships to students wanting to study forestry.
 - Provide for education and outreach concerning trees.
 - Sponsor other tree related activities.
 - Sponsor the Citizen Forestry Program.
- There is a page in your notebook with the names and contact information for the Board Members.

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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.

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Citizen Forester Regions

- We are organized into 4 regions at the present – hoping to have more.
 - Arlington – Patsy Miller
 - Denton – Mary Morrow
 - Fort Worth – Bill Sargeant
 - Grapevine – Karen Rice
- Plus Education – David Coke

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Logistics

- We will start each Session promptly at 9:00 AM. Please be early to be ready to go at 9.
- Please expect to be engaged until 4 PM.
- We will take a morning and afternoon break. If you need to use the facilities during a talk, please feel free to do so, just try to do so respectfully.
- We'll break for lunch very close to noon. You'll have to excuse a bit of noise when the lunches are delivered. We'll start back up promptly at 1:00 PM.
- Please do try to get to know each other and those of us helping to put on the class before class, during the breaks, at lunch, and after class. Do try to stay focused on the training.
- We are a team and team members know each other.
- The trees are depending on us being knowledgeable.

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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. You can either take your lanyard and name badge with you or leave it here. Your call.
- 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.
- Introduction to the CTUFC.ORG website.
- Introduction to your notebook.

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Citizen Forester Rules and Graduation Requirements

- Attendance Requirements
 - Best if you don't miss a minute.
 - And, that you are "present" fully during all the training.
 - Graduate as a Certified Citizen Forester if you miss 2 classes or the equivalent of two classes.
 - Graduate as a Citizen Forester if you attend at least 6 of the 10 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.

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On-going participation requirements

- To be a Certified Citizen Forester you must contribute at least 20 hours of Volunteer Time and earn at least 5 hours of Continuing Education Time in the calendar year.
- 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.

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

- What is your name?
- Where were you born?
- How long have you been in the DFW Metroplex?
- What part of Fort Worth or the Metroplex do you live in?
- If retired, what was your career? If still working, where at doing what. If a student, where and what are you studying?
- Why do you want to be a Citizen Forester?
- Tell us something interesting about yourself. Headline only or no more than a short description. Give us something to ask you about as we have opportunity to get to know each other. We won't know what makes you special if you don't tell us.
