Build your arborist skills at this year's IAA Summer Conference. This one-day event will be held on Thursday, May 25th at the Dixon Springs Agricultural Center (354 St. Hwy 145, Simpson, IL) in rural Pope County. Experts in tree care and forestry will give presentations and demonstrations on tree felling, proper pruning and invasive species identification and control. Tree care can be a dangerous job, so safety and technique are major themes for this conference. This includes sessions on the use and inspection of safety equipment, including PPE and tree climbing ropes and gear, and working near utility lines. This conference will benefit both those new to the tree care industry, as well as, seasoned professionals.

We will also cover utility topics in an effort to bridge a gap between UVM and the rest of the tree industry. When we all work together to achieve a common goal, great things can happen.

The Summer Conference is worth a total of 7 CEUs.

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The Illinois Arborist Association presents...

Summer Conference

Thursday, May 25, 2017

University of Illinois
Dixon Springs Ag Center
354 St. Hwy 145
Simpson, IL

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AGENDA

8:00am - 8:30am Breakfast, Check-In

8:30am - 8:45am Welcome with Roger Smith

8:45am - 9:15am Keeping Safe with PPE - Personal protective equipment (PPE) is essential for anyone working with Forestry and Tree care and is the first line of defense against accidents and injury. This session will cover the different types of PPE and what is required for different activities. We also added a demonstration of PPE in action! Speakers: *Chris Evans and Roger Smith*

9:15am - 10:00am Chainsaw Refresher - Whether you are a novice or an experience sawyer, a little refresher never hurts. This session will cover the safety features of a chainsaw, proper starting and handling techniques, and a bit on maintenance and upkeep. Speakers*: Chris Evans & Jay Hayek*

10:00am - 10:15am Break

10:15am - 11:15am Open-face bore cut method for tree felling. Dropping trees is a dangerous business. The open-face bore cut method is the most effective and safe method of getting a tree on the ground when and where you want it. This demonstration will go step by step through this method as we drop a tree in the field. Speakers: *Chris Evans*

11:15am - 12:00pm Work Positioning for Proper Pruning - Getting the best results for the right cut. Speaker: *Eduardo Medina*

12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch with Exhibitors

1:00pm - 2:00pm Safety, Ropes and Gear Inspection - *Meurer Brothers*

2:00pm - 3:00pm Tree Trimming near Utility Lines - *Jeff Crisp*

3:00pm - 4:00pm Invasive Species: Invasive species are a threat to our forests and natural lands. This session will cover identification of common and upcoming invasive species in southern Illinois and include a discussion on control techniques. Speaker: *Chris Evans*

**Recommendation: please bring a hard hat, gloves and safety glasses if you have them.*

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Southern BBQ lunch will be provided.
Please list any dietary restrictions:

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SouthEastern Illinois Electric Cooperative

2017 IAA Summer Conference Registration

Thursday, May 25, 2017, *Deadline to Register: May 16, 2017*

_____ Member Cost $30*

_____ Non-Member Cost $35*

*Each additional employee, $15

(Registration required for each attendee)

Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

City-State-

Zip: _____

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