

INDIANA TREE STEWARDS AGENDA



October 11 and 18, 2025
9am-3pm

Training Site:

Minnetrista Museum & Gardens
1200 N Minnetrista Pkwy, Muncie, IN
47303

Directions: [Google Maps Link](#)

Day 1 – Saturday, October 11, 2025

- 9-9:45am **Check-in, Introductions**
Benefits of Trees, the Urban Forest and How YOU Can Help
Community and Urban Forestry Team (IDNR)
- 9:45-10:15am **Tree Physiology - How Does a Tree Grow?**
Speaker: Racheal Stenger (IDNR Community and Urban Forestry)
- 10:15-10:30am **Break**
- 10:30-11:00am **Tree Identification (Part 1)**
Speaker: John Taylor (BSU Field Station and Environmental Education Center)
- 11:00-11:45am **Tree Identification (Part 2)**
Speaker: John Taylor (BSU Field Station and Environmental Education Center)
- 11:45-12:30pm **Right Tree – Right Place: Selection**
Speaker: Jacob Roos (IDNR Community and Urban Forestry)
- 12:30-1:30pm **Lunch + Networking**
- 1:30-2:00pm **Recommended Tree Maintenance**
Speaker: James Edwards (Minnetrista)
- 2:00-3:00pm **Tree Planting Demo**
Speaker: James Edwards (Minnetrista)

****Be prepared for any of the sessions to go outside. Dress appropriately for the outdoors and for the weather. We will be using pruning tools for this training so please bring eye protection and a pair of gloves if possible, otherwise they will be provided. Please let us know ahead of time if you have any physical constraints so we can work to accommodate.**

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Day 2 – Saturday, October 18, 2025

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| 9:00-10:00am | Pruning Basics Part 1
Speaker: Zach Woodbury (Woody's Tree Service) |
| 10:00-10:45am | Pruning Basics Part 2
Speaker: Zach Woodbury (Woody's Tree Service) |
| 10:45-11:15am | Abiotic Disorders and Common Tree Defects
Speaker: TBD |
| 11:15-12:15pm | Biotic Tree Problems
Speaker: Kristy Stultz (IDNR Division of Entomology & Plant Pathology) |
| 12:15-1:15pm | Lunch + Networking |
| 1:15-2:15pm | About Local Advocacy + Brainstorming Session
Speaker: Community and Urban Forestry Team (IDNR) |
| 2:15-3:00pm | Wrap-Up and Volunteer Opportunities
Community and Urban Forestry Team (IDNR) |

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