

INDIANA TREE STEWARDS AGENDA



April 9 & 10, 2026
9am-3pm

Training Site:

Howard Park
219 S Saint Louis Blvd
South Bend, IN 46617

Directions: [Google Maps Link](#)

Day 1 – Thursday April 9, 2026

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| 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 Identification (Part 1)
Speaker: TBD |
| 10:15-10:30am | Break |
| 10:30-11:00am | Tree Identification (Part 2)
Speaker: TBD |
| 11:00-11:45am | Abiotic Disorders and Common Tree Defects
Speaker: TBD |
| 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: Lindsey Spaulding (Spaulding Restoration) |
| 2:00-3:00pm | Tree Planting Demo
Speakers: South Bend Venues, Parks, and Arts Staff |

****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 – Friday April 10, 2026

9:00-10:00am **About Local Advocacy + Brainstorming Session**
Speaker: IDNR Community and Urban Forestry

10:00-11:00am **Biotic Tree Problems**
Speaker: TBD

10:45-11:00am **Break**

11:15-12:15pm **Tree Physiology - How Does a Tree Grow?**
Speaker: Dr. Deb Marr (IU South Bend)

12:15-1:15pm **Lunch + Networking**

1:00-2:00pm **Pruning Basics Part 1**
Speaker: TBD

2:00-3:00pm **Pruning Basics Part 2**
Speaker: TBD

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