

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

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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