2027 Ohio Tree Care Conference
Cherry Valley Hotel – Newark, OH

## Tuesday February 2, 2027

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| 7:00 am - 8:30 am | Breakfast (River Birch B-D) | |
| 8:00 am - 5:00 pm | Certified Arborist Review Course / Pre-Registration Required (Barrel Room) | |
| | General Track (Woodhull A-E) | Research Track (River Birch A) |
| 9:00 am - 10:00 am | **Reviving a classic: field performance of improved American elm across three cities**<br>Dr. Leila Wilson and Vincent Damico, III, USDA Foresty Service | |
| 10:15 am - 11:30 am | **Plant Healthcare Trucks Overview, Capabilities and Limitations**<br>Guy Fortner, Bartlett Tree Experts | **Research for the Everyday Arborist**<br>Zack Shier, Joseph Tree Service |
| 11:30 am - 12:30 pm | Lunch (Ohio Event Center) | |
| 12:45 pm - 1:45 pm | **Pneumatic Air Excavation - A World Beneath The Surface**<br>Andrew Freeman, Ohio Tree MD, LLC | **The Resistance Drilling Masterclass Part 1**<br>Bernd Luell, IML |
| 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm | **Targeting the Trunk: Mastering the Art and Science of Stem Injections**<br>Andy Turkington, Davey | **The Resistance Drilling Masterclass Part 2**<br>Bernd Luell, IML |
| 3:15 pm - 4:00 pm | **Utility Vegetation Management: A History of Conflicts and Potential Solutions**<br>Geoff Kempter | |
| 4:15 pm - 5:00 pm | **A 40-year Perspective on Observational Research and the Evolution of Arboricultural Practices**<br>Alan Siewert, Bur Oak Training, Consulting & Design | |
| 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm | Grand Opening of Exhibit Hall (Ohio Event Center) | |

## Wednesday February 3, 2027

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| 7:00 am - 8:30 am | Breakfast (Ohio Event Center) | | | |
| 7:30 am - 5:30 pm | Certified Arborist Review Course / Pre-Registration Required (Barrel Room) | | | |
| 9:00 am - 10:30 am | Keynote Presentation (Woodhull)<br>**Tree Risk Mitigation**<br>Dr. Greg Dahle, West Virginia University | | | |
| 10:30 am - 11:00 am | Break | | | |
| | Commercial (Woodhull A-D0 | Municipal (River Birch A) | Utility (Woodhull E) | Climbers' Corner (Ohio Event Center) |
| 11:00 am - 12:00 pm | **Structural Pruning a.k.a Young Tree Development**<br>Gregory Dahle, West Virginia University | **Inventories for Urban Forest Engineering**<br>Alan Siewert, Bur Oak LLC | **What Are We Missing: A 35-Year Perspective on Utility Arboriculture**<br>Geoff Kempter | **Is Bigger Better?**<br>Zach Richards, Richards Tree Care |
| 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm | New Member Welcome Reception (Bar at Ohio Event Center) | | | |
| 12:30 pm – 1:00 pm | High School Student Lunch and Welcome Reception (Bar at Ohio Event Center) | | | |
| 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm | Lunch (Ohio Event Center) | | | |
| 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm | **Heat, Flood, Freeze, Repeat: Insect and Disease Problems following Extreme Weather**<br>Chris Riley, Bartlett Tree Experts | **Organizing Local Action to Increase Tree Canopy: A Collaborative Approach Between Sectors**<br>Shelly Douglas, Green Columbus | **Factors Influencing Regrowth of Utility Pruned Trees**<br>Seth Blair, Eocene | **Enter the Draggin'**<br>Zach Richards, Richards Tree Care |
| 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm | **Emergency Response for Emotional Clients**<br>Karen Cox, West Virginia University | **Sharing Space: Utilities and trees in the ROW**<br>Jobie McCoy, Jobie's Tree Service | **AI Augmented Field Work**<br>Christine Halpin, Treeswift | **Be Your Own Hero**<br>Zach Richards, Richards Tree Care |

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| 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm | **Modern Tree Nutrition Using Foliar and Soil Testing**<br>Zach Shier, Joseph Tree Service | **What the Ancient Trees Witnessed about Ohio History over the Past 300 Years**<br>Greg Wiles, College of Wooster | **The Evolution of Integrated Vegetation Management: Using Standards and Flowcharts to Trace Where We've Been and Where We're Headed**<br>Geoff Kempter | **It's Span-tastic!**<br>Zach Richards, Richards Tree Care |
| 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm | Buckeye Bash (Ohio Event Center) | | | |
| 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm | Buckeye Bash After Hours (Ohio Event Center)<br>Music By: Tucker Munz | | | |

Thursday February 4, 2027

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| 8:00 am – 9:30 am | Annual Breakfast Meeting & Education (Ohio Event Center) | | | |
| 9:00 am - 12:00 pm | ISA Written Exams / Registration begins at 8:30 am (Barrel Room) | | | |
| | Commercial (Woodhull A-D0 | Municipal (River Birch A) | Utility (Woodhull E) | Climbers' Corner (Ohio Event Center) |
| 10:00 am – 11:00 am | **The Weakest Link - Where do Branch Failures Occur Most Often?**<br>Andrew Koeser, Davey Tree Expert | **Ohio Invasive Pest Program Updates**<br>Courtney Fulks and Jonathan Shields, Ohio Department of Agriculture | **Safety and Human Performance**<br>Roy Montan, Davey Resource Group | **The Best of Both Worlds**<br>Zach Richards, Richards Tree Care |
| 11:00 am – 12:00 pm | **Climate Change in Ohio: What Tree Care Professionals Need to Know**<br>Aaron Wilson, Ohio State University | | **The Evolution of IVM**<br>Kara Phillips and George Emery III, First Energy | **How good is your Crane Game?**<br>Zach Richards, Richards Tree Care |
| 11:30 am – 12:45 pm | Lunch (Ohio Event Center) | | | |
| | All Tracks Combined (Woodhull) | | | |
| 12:45 pm - 1:45 pm | **Z133 Standards and Weathering the Extremes**<br>Brian Goodall, Russell Tree Experts | | | |
| 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm | **Trees, Trends and Takeaways**<br>Tree Amigas | | | |
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# Certified Arborist Review Schedule

## Tuesday, February 2, 2027

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| 7:00 am - 8:30 am | Breakfast - (River Birch B-D) |
| 8:00 am - 9:30 am | **Tree Biology**<br>Paul Snyder, Secrest Arboretum |
| 9:30 am - 10:30 am | **Tree Risk Assessment and Management**<br>Joe Moeglin, ODNR Division of Forestry |
| 10:30 am - 12:00 pm | **Tree Selection**<br>Brian Kralovic, LaRoche Tree Service |
| 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm | Lunch |
| 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm | **Installation and Establishment**<br>Cody LaRoche, LaRoche Tree Service |
| 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm | **Tree Support & Lightning Protection**<br>Brian Kralovic, LaRoche Tree Service |
| 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm | **Tree Identification**<br>Brady Holka, Davey Tree Expert |
| 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm | **Diagnosis and Plant Disorder**<br>Kodi Riedel, Davey Tree Experts |
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| 8:30 am - 9:00 am | **Soil Science**<br>Andrew Freeman, Ohio Tree MD LLC |
| 9:00 am - 9:30 am | **Water Management**<br>Andrew Freeman, Ohio Tree MD LLC |
| 9:30 am - 10:30 am | **Plant Health Care**<br>Brady Holka, Davey Tree Expert |
| 10:30 am - 12:00 pm | **Pruning**<br>Brian Kralovic, LaRoche Tree Service |
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| 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm | Lunch (Ohio Event Center) |
| 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm | **Trees and Construction**<br>Andrew Freeman, Ohio Tree MD LLC |
| 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm | **Tree Nutrition and Fertilization**<br>Andrew Turkington, Davey Tree Expert |
| 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm | **Tree Worker Safety & First Aid**<br>Brian Goodall, Russell Tree Experts |
| 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm | **Climbing and Working in Trees**<br>Brian Goodall, Russell Tree Experts |
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