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## **Tree Pruning in Landa and Cypress Bend Parks**

**New Braunfels, TX** – On Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> a group of professional arborists will visit New Braunfels to prepare several trees for the 2014 Texas Tree Climbing Championship. The three day competition, slated for May 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> will take place in Landa Park and Cypress Bend Park. Trees in both parks will be selected through the guidance of the City of New Braunfels Urban Forester, Kelly Eby.

The International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Tree Climbing Championship is a unique event that tests competitors' ability to professionally and safely maneuver in a tree while performing work-related tasks in a timely manner. Events are designed to simulate tasks that professional tree climbers may perform in the field while caring for trees.

“The group of arborists performing the pre-event pruning will primarily focus on removing any significantly large, dead limbs in the tree canopies that are selected for the event,” said Kelly Eby, Urban Forester. “This work day provides a free service to the community by improving the long-term safety and health of these trees in our parks.”

The International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) is a nonprofit organization supporting tree care research and education world-wide. To promote the importance of arboriculture, ISA manages the consumer education web site, [www.treesaregood.org](http://www.treesaregood.org), to help educate the public about the importance and value of proper tree care. Also, as part of ISA's dedication to the care and preservation of shade and ornamental trees, it offers the only internationally-recognized certification program in the industry. For more information on ISA and Certified Arborists, visit [www.isa-arbor.com](http://www.isa-arbor.com).

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