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Professional Tree Climbing Arborists Descend on Cypress Bend and Landa Parks

New Braunfels, TX - The annual Texas Tree Climbing Championship is being hosted by the City of New Braunfels Parks and Recreation Department.

Visit Cypress Bend Park on Friday, May 20th and see professional arborists perform feats of speed and technical maneuvering in the large, graceful bald cypress trees along the Guadalupe River. Then watch the competitive finalists in Landa Park on Saturday, when the Master's Challenge event will take place among the majestic live oaks in the center of the Landa Park. Events take place between 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. on both days.

Both events are free and open to the public. On Saturday there will be an Arbor Fair, near the Landa Park playground, that includes a recreational climbing area for kids, vendors for tree supplies and food trucks. This event provides an opportunity for people to see how exciting and dynamic the tree care profession is for arborists.

“Competitive tree climbing introduces the public to the skills professional tree climbing arborists must use for safe, professional tree work”, said International Society of Arboriculture Executive Director Jim Skiera. “This knowledge can help prepare them to hire a skilled professional to care for their trees. Trees have a better chance of survival in the urban environment when they are provided with proper professional care.”

To learn more about tree climbing competitions visit <http://itcc.isa-arbor.com>. For more information on the benefits of trees and professional tree care, visit www.treesaregood.org. For additional information about the 2016 event in New Braunfels visit the www.isatexas.com or contact Kelly Eby, Urban Forester at keby@nbtexas.org.

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