

# 2026 Iowa Arborist Association's Annual Tree Climbing Championship



IAA is excited to announce our Annual Tree Climbing Championship! The event will be held on May 2nd at Riverside Park at 1301 Riverside Blvd, Sioux City, IA in 2026. Watch [iowaarboristassociation.org](http://iowaarboristassociation.org) and <https://www.facebook.com/iowaTCC/> for more details as they are announced.



You don't need to be a seasoned veteran climber to compete. You will learn tons of cool tricks from the best and make lifelong friends.

\*\*\*All climbing gear shall comply with manufacturer's specifications and requirements, this includes climbing devices such as Rock Exotica Akimbo or others with similar requirements.\*\*\*

As always, we will need plenty of volunteers on Friday May 1st and Saturday May 2nd pull this thing off. Who should volunteer? You. Contact the event head judge, Dave Ensley at [densley@asplundh.com](mailto:densley@asplundh.com) or 712-730-1736

## Schedule:

### Friday, May 1st

- Set up with volunteers (not competitors) all day or anytime you can help.
- Gear Check (**FRIDAY MANDATORY**)- around 3:00 pm
- Belayed Speed Climb (Friday optional) - around 5:00 pm

Please have your gear inspection form filled out as much as possible prior to your arrival.

### Saturday, May 2nd

- Registration – 7:00 am
- Gear Check – 7:00 am for competitors with pre-approval.
- Kids Climb – 10:00 am – 2:00 pm (FREE)

### Masters Challenge Sunday, May 3rd

## Hotel Information

Stoney Creek Hotel - Sioux City  
300 3rd Street Sioux City  
Block reservation available after April 17th  
Call 712-234-1100 & press 2 for guest services  
Group code - IaArboristAssoc

Holiday Inn Express & Suites Sioux City  
North-Event Center  
885 Cottonwood Lane, Dakota Dunes,  
South Dakota  
Go to the Iowa Arborist Association website for reservation link.

### Friday May 1st Classes

Aerial Rescue Preparation & Steps to Remember - Gary Kohler  
Rigging; Entry Level Necessity or Physics - Kristian Michael Schultz  
CEU & CTSP TCIA CEUS available

Free lunch provided for all competitors and volunteers. Along with doughnuts, coffee, and orange juice for breakfast.