

OTCC Ontario Tree Climbing Championship – Volunteers Opportunities

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The OTCC is an incredible opportunity to meet other arborists in the industry, learn techniques, and hang out with some of the best climbers in the world!

What is the OTCC? This annual event, hosted by ISA Ontario, brings together arborists, industry members and the public in this fun, competitive event. Anyone can watch arborists showcase their skills, learn about trees at educational sessions, visit a tradeshow featuring our favourite vendors and the public can even try out tree climbing at the “Fun Climb” station under the guidance of a professional arborist.

The OTCC brings the best climbers from across Ontario to compete in 5 five different preliminary events - a timed speed climb, a targeted throwline toss, a work climb, an ascent event using specialized equipment and an aerial rescue. The highest scoring climbers then compete in the Masters’ Challenge on Saturday afternoon. In this final round, the winners (top male and female) will be crowned the Ontario Champions. The winners will go on to the International Tree Climbing Championship (ITCC).

In general volunteer positions are available at the times below – see [full event details here](#)

- Thursday – event setup from 9am-6pm
- Friday – event day one (preliminary events run all day} from 7am-5pm
- Saturday – event day two (preliminary events run until lunch, & Masters after lunch} 730am-6pm

SETUP GROUND TECHS- assist in setting events and clearing brush on Thursday 9am-6pm. You will need hard hat, work boots, safety glasses.

PRELIMINARY EVENT GROUND TECHS– assist in setting events and clearing Competitor’s equipment. You would be assigned to one of the preliminary events. You need hard hat, work boots, safety glasses.

IN-TREE-TECH assist with resetting event within the tree, observing others, and relaying instructions during events. Comfortable climbing. Competition experience is an asset.

PRELIMINARY EVENT TIMER-uses a stopwatch or cell phone timer to time the Competitors in the event ring during the event You would be assigned to one of the preliminary event tree stations. You will need hard hat, work boots, safety glasses.

SCORE RUNNER-regularly gathers scoresheets from each event and takes them to the Scorekeeper. Either Friday or Saturday. You will need hard hat, work boots, safety glasses.

GENERAL EVENT HELPER-assists the Committee onsite with various tasks on Thursday, Friday and/or Saturday, including set up of vendor area, registration, bringing carts of water/snacks to each event station, placing signage, placing mats, setting up small pop-up tents, etc.

ASSISTANT SCOREKEEPER- enters data collected from the scoresheets into an ITCC approved excel spreadsheet. Either Friday or Saturday. If you love spreadsheets this would be the spot!

GEAR INSPECTOR – Knowledgeable of gear and inspection techniques.

SCORING JUDGE-Good understanding of the event and how to score competitors. You will need hard hat, work boots, safety glasses.

PRELIMINARY EVENT HEAD JUDGE- oversee station, manage the team, responsible for safety, ensure event runs efficiently, strong knowledge of the event and ITCC rules. You will need hard hat, work boots, safety glasses.

Register as a volunteer online here <https://www.isaontario.com/otcc-volunteer/>

Thank you!

Questions? Call ISA Ontario 888-463-2316 x 7025 or email info@isaontario.com