

Advanced Tree Climbing Opportunities @ Riveredge

Learn to climb your own tree. Become a tree climbing facilitator @ Riveredge!

2015 Training Schedule

Basic Tree Climbing Course (BTCC)

- Sunday, June 7th – Monday, June 8th; 9 am – 5 pm each day (*start and end times subject to change*)
- Lunch included each day
- Covers all the basics needed to begin technical tree climbing on your own, including rope setting & placement, knotcraft, doubled rope (DdRT) climbing techniques, double rope end climbing (DREC), equipment, hazards, tree selection, tree climbing ethics, and more. All training equipment provided.
- \$495/person – free if you become a tree climbing facilitator for Riveredge



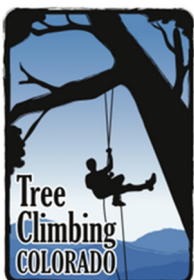
Facilitators Course

- Open to people interested in facilitating tree climbing for Riveredge Nature Center
- Tuesday, June 9th – Thursday, June 11th
- 9 – 5 pm on Tuesday & Wednesday
- End time later on Thursday as we'll be facilitating a real climb that evening with Riveredge guests; celebration to follow
- Participants will then progress through the facilitator course after successful completion of the BTCC. At the end of the training, participants will be trained facilitate climbs for the public, as in leading group climbs. This training does not qualify you to teach others how to climb on their own, or how to facilitate groups without you being present.
- After the course, you must complete 25 practice climbs on at least eight different tree species before you may facilitate climbing programs. You may use Riveredge gear and property to complete these climbs. Apprentice facilitators always keep in touch with their instructors, who are available to provide feedback, answer questions, and share the latest developments in the field.
- Cost of Facilitator Training: \$900 (includes BTCC course above) or Free*



*Barter the Course and Become a Tree Climbing Facilitator at Riveredge

- In exchange for the facilitator course training fees, you may barter with Riveredge by volunteering as a Tree Climbing Facilitator. (*\$100 deposit required via check – we'll return the uncashed check to after the successful completion of the facilitator's course*)
- Facilitators are paid \$75 for every climbing programing (approximately 2 hours in length + 1 ½ hour set-up and 1-hour clean up). To barter your complete training fee, you can volunteer to lead 12 climbing programs (\$75 bartered for every program). Tree climbing programs are offered during the week (day & night) and weekends during May – October and may include opportunities for leading climbs in locations outside of Riveredge.
- You can also pay for all, or a portion, of the training and become a paid facilitator sooner.
- If you choose to barter, you will be asked to sign a written agreement. If at any time you choose to no longer facilitate tree climbing programs, you will be responsible for reimbursing Riveredge of any remaining facilitator course fees.



About the Lead Instructor

Harv Teitelbaum is a GOTC and TCI-recognized tree climbing Facilitator and Master Instructor, and current and founding president of the Global Organization of Tree Climbers (GOTC). When not among the trees, he is a Visiting Professor of Environmental Science at DeVry University. Tree Climbing Colorado is an affiliate of the GOTC. Tree Climbing Colorado, LLC is fully insured on all climbing events, and also does business under the names of Tree Climbing Denver and Tree Climbing Boulder.

Registration Form

Before registration is accepted for the facilitator's course, you will be asked to meet with Jessica Jens, Riveredge Nature Center Executive Director. She will contact you once the registration form is received, or you may contact her to schedule this meeting at jjens@riveredge.us or 262-416-1068.

Participant Name: _____

Complete Mailing Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____ Email: _____

Course Selection:

€ Basic Tree Climbing Course Only, \$495

€ Riveredge Tree Climbing Facilitator Course:

- I will pay the registration fee, \$900
- I would like to barter volunteer facilitator time for the course fee (\$100 deposit required via check – we'll return the check to after the successful completion of the facilitator's course)

Additional Emergency Contact Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone numbers: _____

Participant Health Information

Age: _____ Weight*: _____ Height*: _____

**Information solicited to ensure we have enough of the proper sized equipment for all participants.*

Do you wear glasses? _____ Contact lenses? _____

Do you have allergies? _____

If "yes", please provide details: _____

Do you have any condition that might make it difficult for you to climb (such as physical disability, recent surgery, back pain, injury, etc.)? _____

If "yes", please provide details: _____

Are you taking any medication that might affect your ability to safely participate in tree climbing activities? _____

If "yes", please provide details: _____

Are you under a doctor's care for any condition that may require special attention, such as asthma, heart condition, diabetes, epilepsy, etc.? _____

If "yes", please provide details: _____

Is there any other information you feel should be shared? _____

If "yes", please provide details: _____

