



Pre-registration is on or before July 13, 2026. Late registrants and walk-in attendees will be charged extra - an additional charge over pre-registration rates for members and non-members.

The CTPA is the oldest association of its kind in the United States. Established in 1922, the CTPA is dedicated to the advancement of arboriculture by promoting research, encouraging the practice of proper arboricultural methods, and fostering the exchange of scientific and general information pertaining to arboriculture.



Morning: Coffee & Danish; Clam Chowder; Chili

Lunch: Steamship Round of Beef, Baked Ham, Chicken; Salads, Vegetables, Boiled Potatoes.

Afternoon: Hot Dogs & Hamburgers and lots of Ice Cream!!

All are Invited to Use the Outdoor Pool!

CTPA
PO Box 1946
Wallingford, CT 06492

The Connecticut Tree Protective Association



Summer Meeting Thursday July 16, 2026

at the

The Farmington Polo Club
162 Town Farm Road
Farmington, CT
Attendee Invitation

with an opportunity to earn

CT Arborist (3D) - 5.0 CEU's, (3A) - 2.50 CEU's

CT Forest Practitioners - 2.0 CEU's

Advanced Certified Tree Wardens - 5.0 CEU's

ISA - 5.25 CEU's

TCIA CTSP - Tree Biomechanics - 1.25 CEU's

Job Site Inspections - 1.25 CEU's

Physical/Mental Preparation

in Arboriculture - 1.25 CEU's



CTPA Summer Meeting - The Farmington Polo Club
July 16, 2026, 8:30am to 3:45pm - Education Concurrent Sessions



8:30am - Registration

9:00am - 10:15am, repeated at 1:00pm - 2:15pm (choose one in each time slot)

Tree Biomechanics: How Trees Adapt to Gravity and Wind (CLUBHOUSE) by Karl J. Niklas, Ph.D., FLS, The Liberty Hyde Bailey Professor of Plant Biology emeritus in the School of Integrative Plant Science, Cornell University. This lecture explains how trees manage gravity and wind forces, showing how stresses move through branches, trunks, and roots and how trees adapt by changing their size, shape, and geometry. He emphasizes intuitive principles over math and highlights that tree safety factors arise mainly from structural adjustments, supported by differences in tissue properties.

Common Below-Ground Tree Problems and Solutions. (Behind Horseshoe Pit) by Nathan Dubosh, AirSpade Ambassador and ISA Certified Arborist. This session will cover the problems caused by excessive mulching and deep planting, and demonstrate a compressed-air root collar excavation to safely expose the root flare and assess root conditions. Attendees will learn how to identify and correct circling and girdling roots, along with key air-spading applications such as root zone invigoration, vertical mulching, and trenching. The session concludes with practical soil-improvement strategies using compost and biochar to support long-term tree vitality.

10:30am - 11:45am, repeated at 2:30pm - 3:45pm (choose one in each time slot)

CAES Forest Update. (CLUBHOUSE) by Susanna Keriö, D.Sc. Dr. Keriö will present updates on CAES forest health monitoring, pest and disease activity, current research initiatives, and statewide drought patterns.

Inspect What You Expect: Building Better Job Site Inspections. (SYCAMORE TREE)- by Jamie Chambrelli, Canopy Service Partners - National Safety Director and Marianne Bonito, U.S. Department of Labor. Effective job site inspections set the expectations for safety and performance. This session shows how to move beyond “checking the box” by using inspections to identify hazards, strengthen crew engagement, and improve consistency. With added OSHA insight from Marianne Bonito, attendees will learn common compliance gaps and how proactive planning leads to safer, stronger field operations.

10:30am -11:45am (COTTAGE ROOM) *(Session presented in Spanish, open to all attendees and not repeated)*

Feeling the Forces of Rigging, and Climbing. by Pepe Ramirez, Davey Tree Experts. The “Feeling Forces” strategy lets arborists use their bodies to quickly grasp how rigging forces move through a tree. By treating the torso as the trunk and the arms as limbs, learners can physically sense load paths and stress. It’s a simple, hands-on supplement to formal rigging instruction.

1:00pm - 2:15pm (COTTAGE ROOM) *(Session presented in Spanish, open to all attendees and not repeated)*

Physical and Mental Preparation for Arboriculture Work. By Rueben Mendoza, Davey Tree Experts. Becoming aware of the importance of strengthening our body and of effective, safe planning in physical work is essential in arboriculture. A strong, conditioned body supports safer climbing, rigging, and saw handling, while thoughtful planning reduces exposure to unnecessary risk. Together, they form the foundation of safe, efficient, and sustainable tree work.

3:45pm - Adjourn - CEU's given at the registration patio. Earn credits for up to four talks.

Attendee Registration Form
Connecticut Tree Protective Association
Summer Meeting

Thursday - July 16, 2026

Registration - before July 13th:

	Members	Non-members
Adults	\$120.00	\$150.00

After July 13th and at the door:

Adults	\$135.00	\$170.00
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Children (under 13): \$25.00 *before or after 7/13/26*

Attending members may register guests at member rates.

Please reserve _____ tickets for the Summer Meeting.

Member Name and Email Address:

Company Name: _____

Town/City: _____

Additional Guest Names:

Register at www.ctpa.org

or make checks payable to CTPA and mail to:

CTPA, PO Box 1946

Wallingford, CT 06492 (203) 484-2512

Pre-registration Deadline: July 13th

Our check of \$ _____ is enclosed.

All Payments are Non-Refundable

Tickets will be sold throughout the day for donated raffle prizes to benefit the Oscar P. Stone Research Fund.

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