

# 2017 Annual Windermere Treebute-A Florida Arbor Day Festival

## Children Can Experience the Beauty of Champion Trees Up High

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Engage your family outdoors in nature and experience the beauty of champion trees up high! Come to the 13<sup>th</sup> Windermere Treebute Florida Arbor Day Festival and celebrate with a Tree City USA, Saturday, January 21st from 10am-4pm at 512 Main Street. Windermere Tree Board, Garden Club, Rotary Club, Green Leaf Safety Training and Duke Energy sponsor the festival with proceeds supporting Windermere's Urban Forestry program. Children can experience the beauty of champion trees up high and see nature from another view at the kids tree climb supervised by ISA Certified Arborists using safety gear. There are trees and plants for sale, an "Ask the Arborist" booth, Eco Activities for families, Enchanted Walk-Abouts to explore nature, food trucks, arts, crafts, live music, an international tree climbing competition, IFAS Master Gardener Plant Clinic and more. There is no admission charge for the festival. For more info contact Windermere Tree Board at 407-579-4621 or [theresamyers@earthlink.net](mailto:theresamyers@earthlink.net)

**Windermere Treebute Florida Arbor Day Festival** proceeds support Windermere's Urban Forestry program with purchase of hundreds of trees each year for planting by Windermere Tree Board volunteers and local residents, Saturday, January 21st from 10am-4pm. For those who have mature trees, understory and flowering trees are offered such as Tabebuia, Redbud, Fringe Tree, Flatwoods Plum, Simpson's Stopper and Dogwood.



Juliette & Ladan Foradi and Lesha Miller choose a tree at Windermere Treebute Florida Arbor Day Festival

For edible landscaping, blueberries, mulberry, loquat, citrus trees, apple, peach, pear and plum trees are also available. Florida Native trees such as Mahogany, Elm, Red Maple, Longleaf Pine, Magnolias, Turkey Oak, Red Oak, Live Oak, Cypress, Loblolly Bay, Cedar, Pignut Hickory, Blackgum, Simpson's Stopper, Red Bay and Cypress are offered for adoption and sale to diversify the Urban Forest. Windermere residents may adopt one tree per household. Additional trees and plants may also be purchased for anyone attending the festival.

At the Kids Tree Climb children are placed in child sized professional climbing gear harness, helmet and safety glasses by ISA Certified Arborists and given the experience of climbing majestic trees in Windermere's beautiful Urban Forest. For more nature education, Nehrling Gardens and Windermere Garden Club have eco activities for kids and camellias for sale. "Enchanted Walk-Abouts" with naturalist John Springer are offered to teach children and adults how to see trees and nature with new eyes.



Kids Tree Climb at Windermere Treebute

Windermere Tree Board and arborists supply public tree education utilizing the "Ask the Arborist Booth" where residents get advice from ISA Certified Arborists and Duke Energy regarding the "Right Tree for the Right Place" in their yards. IFAS Master Gardener Mobile Plant Clinic is also available for horticultural and pest control questions.





**“Ask the Arborists” Kim Paulson and Mary Edwards at Windermere Treebute Festival**

Enjoy food trucks, artists, craft vendors and great music with Down Brothers Band while you watch the “Geezers in the Treezers” Tree Climbing Competition where Certified Arborists over age 40 compete in 5 different tree climbing competitions stressing advanced tree arboriculture skills and emergency rescue techniques. Competitors come from the U.S., Canada and Britain to compete in Windermere’s historic tree canopy.

### **Arbor Day Ceremony and Tree Planting**

Can’t make it to the festival Saturday? Open to the public is the pre-festival Arbor Day Ceremony and Tree Planting on Thursday, January 19, at 10 am, At Windermere Town Hall Square coordinated by Windermere Garden Club and Windermere Tree Board with a Mayoral proclamation, Police color guard, children singing tree songs, planting the Arbor Day tree, public tree care education by arborists and refreshments. It is perfect for families with toddlers and Pre-K children.



**Arbor Day Tree Planting in Windermere**

On this day Town Square trees, Central Park trees and Maguire Road Crepe Myrtles are also structurally pruned by volunteer arborists and Windermere Tree Board volunteers every year.

**Tree Safety & Tree Health Training Seminars** for Arborists, Tree Workers, Electrical Workers, EMT’s, First Responders and Firemen is facilitated by

Windermere Tree Board with Green Leaf Safety Training and ASTI (American Safety Training Institute) who conduct and teach the following courses at Windermere Town Hall Square:

**EHAP-Electrical Hazards Awareness Program**, Thurs. 1/19/2017- 8am-5pm, \$110, 7.5 ISA and CTSP CEU’s.

**ASTI Grant-Aerial Rescue**

Friday 1/20/2017-8am-5pm. FREE.

**PHC-Plant Health Care with Arbor Jet & Rainbow Tree & Single Rope Technique Climbing**

Friday 1/20/2017-8am-5pm. FREE.

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**Tree Safety Training Seminar**