



## **ISA Hosts the 2024 ITCC in Savannah, GA US**

**ATLANTA, Ga.** — The International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), along with the Georgia Arborist Association (GAA), will host the 2024 International Tree Climbing Championship (ITCC) from 24-27 October at Daffin Park in Savannah, Georgia US.

ITCC brings together the best professional tree climbers—men and women—from around the world to compete and showcase new climbing techniques and equipment. Free and open to the public, this is an opportunity to witness a unique sporting event.

“The GAA is honored to host two great events this year - The ISA International Conference in Atlanta and the International Tree Climbing Championship in Savannah,” said Logan House, President of GAA. “We are excited to highlight two of our famous tree cities in the process. Savannah was the first city built in Georgia and is known the world over for its classic town squares full of iconic southern live oaks and infamous Spanish moss.”

Competitors will complete a series of events throughout Friday and Saturday—Aerial Rescue, Work Climb, Ascent, Belayed Speed Climb, and Throwline—demonstrating skill, technique, and athleticism while emphasizing the importance of safety and proper tree care. A Masters’ Challenge on Sunday, 27 October will showcase the best of the preliminary competitors, culminating in an exciting finale to determine the top male and female climbers in the world.

ITCC provides a competitive but educational opportunity for working arborists to demonstrate and exchange new climbing techniques, equipment, and safe work practices. The ITCC also highlights to the public the importance of hiring professionals to provide tree care. The location in Daffin Park in Savannah Georgia, US will be a great venue to share the ISA’s mission to foster a greater awareness of the benefits of trees.

“We are excited that we can highlight another amazing city in Georgia during our Centennial year celebration,” said Caitlyn Pollihan, the CEO and Executive Director of ISA. “This historic location, which has a mild climate during October, will allow the climbers and volunteers to compete and showcase their skills in the best atmosphere possible.”

Additionally, there will be an Arbor Fair and a host of vendor booths for the public to enjoy. Arbor Fair is an educational and fun public event focusing on environmental issues and promoting proper tree care. Attendees can visit vendors from the surrounding area, find info about the latest equipment from participating sponsors, participate in a kid’s climb and more.

The preliminary events will start on Friday, 25 October and continue through the Masters’ Challenge on Sunday, 27 October. [For more information, please visit the ITCC website.](#)

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## **ABOUT ISA**

*[The International Society of Arboriculture](https://www.isa-arbor.com) (ISA), headquartered in Atlanta, Ga., U.S., is a global nonprofit professional organization dedicated to promoting the importance of arboriculture and educating the public about the significance of trees and the value of their proper care. As part of ISA's advancing the arboriculture profession, it offers the only internationally recognized certification program in the industry, including ISA Certified Arborist ®. For more information about ISA and Certified Arborists, visit [www.isa-arbor.com](https://www.isa-arbor.com).*

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