

The 2010 South Dakota Arborist Conference and Climbing Competition

April 12 -13, 2010

Izaak Walton League

1200 Izaak Walton Road, Pierre South Dakota

Come learn from the “Dean” of Tree Work – Donald F. Blair

Don Blair is probably one of our best known and most respected arborists. He really did write the book as he is the author of *Arborist Equipment*, one of the top selling tree books published! Don Blair began climbing trees for a living with the M.F. Blair Tree Experts in Palo Alto, California and he is well known for ‘big’ tree work, removals and pruning large trees including redwoods. Don is famous for his innovative rigging techniques on difficult trees including the recent removal of the huge tulip poplar at Monicello, Thomas Jefferson’s home. Everyone that attended the ISA conference last year in Sioux Falls got to see Don’s presentation on this highly technical removal. Don is also the owner of Sierra Moreno Mercantile Company, an arborist equipment and supply company known for its unique and well-crafted climbing and rigging gear.

The conference will begin at 9 am on Monday and Don will be our featured presenter for that day. His presentation and outdoor demonstrations will cover pruning, removal and rigging of trees. There will be lecture and demonstration through the day so you can learn and see new techniques. Don is widely sought as an instructor and field trainer in a wide range of tree topics and he is an informative and entertaining speaker. The Monday workshop will conclude at 4:00 pm.

The conference will continue Tuesday morning at 8:30 am and include a full morning of presentations and topics covering some of the best trees to plant in South Dakota as well as updates on the threats to our urban and community forests including emerald ash borer. Identification and management of the insect will be extensively covered. The conference will end at noon.

2010 Climbing Competition, April 11

The 2010 South Dakota Tree Climbing Competition will be held on Sunday afternoon, April 11 at Steamboat Park in Pierre as a “warm-up” to our conference. Don Blair, one of the founders of the ISA Tree Climbing Competition, formerly known as the Jamboree, will provide his insight into the competition with some tips and techniques. The competition will include all the major events from work climb to aerial rescue. We will begin the competition with a mandatory gear check at 11 am and the competition will begin at 12:30 pm. There is no fee to compete but you must register by March 5, 2010.

There will be prizes and the winner's travel expenses to the 2010 Midwestern ISA competition in June will be subsidized.

REGISTRATION FOR CONFERENCE

Conference registration

Name _____ SDArA member # _____ (not required)

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone number _____ home cell work

SDArA conference **registration** @ \$89.00 (if postmarked before March 5, 2010, \$100 afterward) \$ _____
(includes Monday lunch and break refreshments)

Total \$ _____

Registration may be faxed to 605-773-4003 or mailed to SDArA, P.O. Box 3, Pierre, SD 57501-0003. If you wish to be invoiced please return a copy of your completed registration with billing information.

Registration for Climbing Competition

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Email address _____