

# BASIC TREE CLIMBING COURSE

Thanks for your interest in training with  
Tree Climbing Northwest!



The Basic Tree Climbing Course (BTCC) is a 2½-day program originated by Tree Climbers International and designed to teach all the skills you need to climb a large tree on your own. Information about selecting a good climbing tree and assessing the condition of the tree is presented in detail. You will learn climbing techniques and how to tie all the knots, repeating each knot many times to learn “muscle memory.” You’ll learn climbing safety rules, as well as good practices for respecting and caring for the trees you climb. You’ll get coaching and plenty of time to practice everything you learn.

When you finish this class you will take a climbing exam and a written exam that covers the course material. Passing the written exam shows that your instructor has done his job. Passing the climbing exam confirms that you are ready to go out and climb independently.

This class is scheduled for 2½ days. Each full day you will be in the field for 8-9 hours. Class will start promptly at 2 pm on the first day and will end by 5 pm on the third day. Please arrange travel times so that you can stay until the class ends.

This course is physically and mentally demanding. It requires considerable stamina. Your muscles may be sore and you will be tired at the end of each day. And you’ll have a lot of fun learning, and with successful course completion, you’ll receive a “Recreational Tree Climber” certificate and be prepared to go out on your own to climb your favorite trees. Come well rested and be ready for a *tree*-mendous learning experience!

## Please note:

1. This course does not teach Single Rope Technique skills for climbing taller trees. Ascending such trees requires more training and a different set of equipment than is provided in the Basic Tree Climbing Course. Please see our [online schedule](#) for information about SRT training.

2. Students interested in pursuing further training (such as our Facilitator Course) will be required to present a current tree climbing log. Please keep a log of your climbs if you think you may seek advanced training.

## ENROLLMENT

A minimum of 2 students is required for the course to go forward. Maximum enrollment is 4.

## REGISTRATION AND TUITION

Tuition for this course is \$550.00 and includes a membership in Tree Climbers International (TCI). TCI will provide membership materials after you complete the BTCC. For more information about TCI, please visit [www.treeclimbing.com](http://www.treeclimbing.com).

Registration with deposit is accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Advance registration is required, and must be accompanied by a non-refundable deposit of at least 50% of the tuition amount. **The tuition balance is due two (2) weeks before the first day of the course.** Tuition refunds minus a \$50.00 processing fee will be allowed only in the event of an extreme family or health emergency. If the course is cancelled by Tree Climbing Northwest, we will reschedule registrants for a subsequent session of the course. The tuition fee does not include food, lodging, or transportation to the climbing site. Please bring your own lunch to both full days of the course, or plan to visit local eateries during our 1-hour lunch breaks.

## YOUTH

Children age 13 years and over are welcome to enroll for the course. A parent or legal guardian must enroll to take the course with children between ages 13 and 15 years. For those aged 16-18 years, a parent or legal guardian must be present during the course, but need not be enrolled.

## HOW TO ENROLL

You can enroll online, or you can enroll manually using paper forms. These are the forms that make up the registration packet:

- Course Registration
- BTCC Participation Agreement
- Participant Information
- Release Agreement with optional Photo Release

## ONLINE ENROLLMENT

If you prefer the convenience of online enrollment, please visit [Tree Climbing Northwest](#). There you will find links to the required forms. Please read the forms carefully and then fill them out at your computer and submit them following the online instructions. The Course Registration Form includes instructions on how to pay your tuition deposit through New Tribe's online store using Paypal or a major credit card. We will ask you to sign and date your forms on the day your class begins. For applicants under age 18, forms must be signed by a parent or legal guardian.

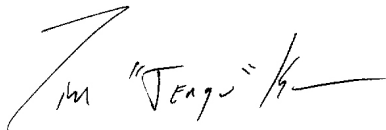
## MANUAL ENROLLMENT

Contact Barbara Rodriguez at New Tribe (1-866-223-3371 or 1-541-476-9492) to request a registration packet for SRT Tree Week. To enroll for your course, please carefully read, fill out and sign all forms and agreements, and return them to New Tribe with your tuition deposit. For applicants under age 18, forms must be signed by a parent or legal guardian. You may return your completed registration materials by fax at 541-476-5802 or by mail to New Tribe, Inc., PO Box 638, Grants Pass, OR 97528.

When your enrollment has been accepted, Barbara Rodriguez will send you a welcome message along with further instructions. Barbara is always happy to answer your questions. You can reach her at [connect@newtribe.com](mailto:connect@newtribe.com) and by phone at 1-866-223-3371 or 1-541-476-9492.

We look forward to working with you to provide safe and exciting access to the crowns of magnificent trees.

Adventure-UP!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim 'Tengu' Kovar". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial 'T' and a flourish at the end.

*Tim "Tengu" Kovar*  
Master Tree Climbing Instructor  
Tree Climbing Northwest