

Dallas Urban Forestry Program is Taking Applications

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If you were a Boy Scout or Camp Fire Girl in your youth, becoming a Citizen Forester may appeal to you.

The city of Dallas' Urban Forestry Committee, which trains volunteers to care for the city's trees and urban forests, is accepting applications for the second year of its program.

Classroom instruction and field training covers identification and planting and pruning skills.

Students will meet once a month for 6 months, beginning in June, with individual classes running two to three hours followed by one to two hours of field work. Classes will be held at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office on Coit Road. The forester program, open to all, costs \$75. Upon completion, participants are asked to volunteer 25 community service hours by assisting on municipal forestry projects. See www.dallastrees.org.

Editor's note: Dallas Urban Forester's classes are already in session for 2008. Please visit the Dallas Urban Forestry Committee web page dedicated to the Urban Forester effort. A 2008 class schedule, course outline and email link to register and get additional information. There is no shortage of projects and many exciting and extremely interesting work details beside the usual planting and pruning for future generations and the "Greening of Dallas" and America.