



Tree Education Program

In keeping with the goals established by the San Dimas Community Forest Management Plan, the Parks and Recreation Department will conduct a community education program this Spring, 2012. The program will promote the community forestry program and educate San Dimas residents and contractors in the proper selection, planting and maintenance of trees. These classes are highly recommended to all landscape contractors and tree workers. The "Tree Trek" will follow each class (except Trees 101) for children, adults and families who would like to join in an educational tree walk through downtown San Dimas.

All classes are **free** and provided through grant funding by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Urban and Community Forestry Program.

Adult Tree Classes

A series of five classes will be offered beginning with the basics in "Trees 101" and progressing to "Tree Selection and Installation". All classes (except Trees 101) will be held from 9:00 AM to 10:30 PM on Saturday mornings at Civic Center Park, 245 East Bonita Avenue. We will meet at the Cornerstone monument in Civic Center Park with classes being held outside. The first class, Trees 101 will take place at the Arbor Day Celebration to be held at Frank G. Bonelli Regional Park (East Picnic Valley) 120 E. Via Verde in San Dimas on May 3rd at 9:00 am.

March 3rd, 9:00 am to 10:30 am Trees 101

This course will give a basic understanding of the physiology of trees and will teach basic tree identification. Class to be held at Frank G. Bonelli Regional Park, East Picnic Valley.

March 10th 9:00 am to 10:30 am Young Tree Care and Pruning

Trees are like people, when trained properly from the time they are young they grow up to be stable, low maintenance adults. Students will learn proper branch selection and pruning techniques that will significantly reduce future maintenance costs and hazardous situations.

March 17th 9:00 am to 10:30 am Mature Tree Care and How to Hire a Tree Service

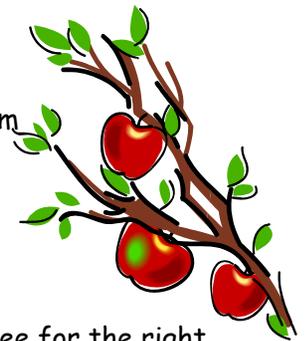
Most homeowners do not have the ability or inclination to prune a mature tree. Students will learn proper pruning for mature trees, and how to select a reputable tree service. Students will also learn why topping is the worst pruning technique and how to avoid it.

March 24th 9:00 am to 10:30 am Backyard Orchard Culture

Students will learn a technique developed by the Dave Wilson Nursery which will assist them in successfully producing fruit from their backyard fruit trees.

March 31st, 9:00 am to 10:30 am Tree Selection and Installation

Students will learn how to select the "right tree for the right place" for the right reasons and how to properly place a tree in order to maximize utility savings and increase property value. We will schedule a day to visit a local nursery where students will learn what to avoid when purchasing a tree.



SAN DIMAS TREE TREK

Each tree class, except March 3rd, will be followed by a Tree Trek through downtown San Dimas and the surrounding neighborhood. We will take a one-mile walk through the historic downtown neighborhood and meet many outstanding and unique San Dimas trees. A copy of the Tree Trek map is available on the city web-site at: <http://www.cityofsandimas.com/ps.parksrecreation.cfm?ID=2375>. Please contact the Municipal Arborist at (909) 394-6273 to register for classes.



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