Instructor Bios

Alex Bildeaux

Alex Bildeaux, Jr. is owner of Bildeaux Services, a small-scale logging business near St. Paul Minnesota and provider of nationwide, in-depth chainsaw safety training for all levels of operators. Prior to starting his current business, Alex was the National Safety Manager, and a Territory Manager for 16 years at the Tilton Equipment Company, which distributes Jonsered & Efco power equipment. He also has several years selling experience for Husqvarna and MTD brand lawn and garden products.

Raised in Isabella, Minnesota, Alex began working in the family logging business at a young age and soon joined the family in chainsaw racing competitions across the country. In his early twenties, Alex started his own small engine shop and sold and repaired power equipment for several years before joining the Tilton Equipment organization as National Chainsaw Safety Trainer in 1986. In preparation for his national training role, he spent six (6) months living in New Hampshire learning Swedish forestry methods from Jonsered employees and previous Tilton trainers.

Randall Douglas

Randall has over 22 years of line clearance experience. He began as a line clearance tree trimmer with IBEW local 51 in 1998 working his way to crew foreman by 2000. He ran various work operations from bucket truck trimming to leading manual climbing crews. He joined Wayne White Electric Cooperative in 2005 as a journeyman tree trimmer. He was promoted to his current role of line clearance foreman in 2011. Randall has been an instructor at the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives Line Clearance School since 2007. He specializes in line distribution restoration, rigging, tree removal, and arboricultural trimming techniques.

Blayne Holshouser

Began line clearance trimming in 1989, working for various contractors over an 8-year period. In 1997, began working for Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative, as a Journeyman Trimmer, later advancing to Crew Foreman. Currently, serving as SIEC Right of Way Foreman, overseeing contractors and SIEC’s maintenance trimming.
Phillip Kelley  
ISA Certified Arborist

Credentials
- 26 years of active field experience
- Wright Tree Service- Leader of team development and training
- North American Training Solutions Lead Instructor 2009
- Contract climber and owner of Samara Tree Preservation and Training
- Head Technician International Tree Climbing Championship 2018- present
- Head Judge North American Tree Climbing Championship 2014 - 2018
- Head Judge Aerial Rescue International Tree Climbing Championship 2013 – 2018
- Head Technician Georgia Arborist Association Tree Climbing Championship 2009-2013
- Past President of the Georgia Arborist Association
- Certified Arborist since 2000
- Certified Line Clearance Tree Trimmer
- Approved TCIA ASTI trainer
- Certified in all TCIA arborist programs
- Author of multiple articles published in industry magazines
- Speaker at numerous industry events and conferences since 2012

Mark Smith  
ISA Certified Arborist

Mark is a Safety and Training Supervisor with Wright Tree Service and covers over 500 Arborist in his Division. In addition to his primary position, Mark is also a contract climber and competition tree climber. He is an ISA Certified Arborist, ISA Tree Worker-Climber Specialist, CTSP, TCIA National Trainer on 7 disciplines along with being a Indiana State Tree Climbing Champion. His passion as a trainer is to help evolve the Arboriculture Industry and help fellow Arborist make it home at the end of the day because one day he didn’t.