

Tree Steward Training 2019

Week one – Wednesday, October 2, 2019, 8:00 a.m. - noon

- **Welcome** - Jimmy Zabriskie, Community Forester, Parks and Recreation Department, City of Las Cruces
- **Volunteer registration/orientation** - CLC Volunteer Network
- **Safely Working with Trees**, Oscar Mestas, Urban Forester, Texas Forest Service, Retired, ISA Certified Arborist, ISA Certified Arborist Municipal Specialist, Tree Risk Assessment Qualified, USFS Urban Forestry Strike Team, Red Card Wildland Firefighter Public Information Officer;
- **Introduction to Tree Identification**, Oscar Mestas

Week two – October 9, 2019, 8:00 a.m. - noon

- **Tree Identification - Walking Field Trip** – Jimmy Zabriskie, Community Forester, Parks and Recreation Department, City of Las Cruces

Week Three – October 16, 2019, 8:00 a.m. - noon

- **Soils** - John White, Curator UTEP Chihuahuan Desert Gardens, ISA Certified Arborist, past County Extension Agent in Bernallio and Doña Ana Counties NM and El Paso County TX
- **Trees for the Desert SW** – Jimmy Zabriskie, Community Forester, Parks and Recreation Department, City of Las Cruces

Week Four – October 23, 2019, 8:00 a.m. - noon

- **Tree Pruning**, Oscar Mestas, ISA Certified Arborist, ISA Certified Arborist Municipal Specialist, Tree Risk Assessment Qualified, USFS Urban Forestry Strike Team, Red Card Wildland Firefighter Public Information Officer, Urban Forester, Texas Forest Service, Retired
- **Tree Pruning Field Experience** – Oscar, Jimmy, Les and John

Week Five – October 30, 2019, 8:00 a.m. – noon

- **Sustainable Urban Forests in a Changing Climate** As our average temperatures increase and the urban heat island effects intensify, what changes should we expect and how can we prepare ahead? Dr. Marisa Thompson, NMSU Extension Horticulture Specialist, ISA Certified Arborist and Tree Steward alum (class of 2013).
- **Community Forest Advocacy** Jennifer Dann, NM State Forestry, Urban and Community Forestry Program Manager, ISA Certified Arborist

Week Six – November 6, 2019, 8:00 a.m. - noon

- **Issues with Planting and Maintaining Trees in Public Spaces**–Jimmy Zabriskie, Community Forester, Parks and Recreation Department, City of Las Cruces
- **Tree Planting** Les Finley, Horticulturist, City of Las Cruces, Retired, ISA Certified Arborist

Week Seven – November 13, 2019, 8:00 a.m. - noon

- ***Water Harvesting*** – Michael Gaglio, Certified Water Harvesting Practitioner, Biologist, & Owner of High Desert Native Plants
- ***Tour of Sunland Nursery*** – Jeff Harvey, Production Manager, Sunland Nursery

Week Eight – November 20, 2019, 8:00 a.m. - noon

- ***Opportunities to Volunteer as a Tree Steward*** – Jimmy Zabriskie, Community Forester, Parks and Recreation Department, City of Las Cruces
- ***Tree planting/dedication to Class of 2019 Tree Stewards***
- ***Graduation/celebration***