

### Join Us For ArborWeek!

# **Arbor Week Calendar**



We are thrilled to share a chock full suite of events for Arbor Week with you! Trees are an important part of our city, our community, and our lives and we can't wait to celebrate them together. We have an exciting lineup of events with something for everyone, from educational talks with leaders in tree research and care to movies and guided tree meditations.

Just a sampling of our events....



#### Intelligent Trees Screening

On Sunday April 25th at noon, <u>BoSTEM</u> will host their monthly Movie, Make + Meet event. They're screening <u>Intelligent Trees</u> with the <u>Emerald Necklace Conservancy</u> and Speak for the Trees. This is a free 45 minute film about how trees talk to each other, intended towards students 4-12th to enjoy. There will be an activity where students can make their own <u>leaf rubbings</u> with leaves from around their neighborhood to learn about the importance of leaves! Natalie from Speak for the Trees will be joining and answering your questions.

#### **Learn More and Register**



# Virtual Library Talk: "Exploring Trees and Equity in Boston through Literature"

Sure, books are made of trees, but trees have a powerful role in literature too. Join Boston Public Library for a presentation of resources available to help you learn about tree and nature equity, environmental justice, and the natural world in Boston. Librarians will be highlighting literary, scientific, and art collections and other resources available at the Boston Public Library that are of interest to adults, teens, and children.

#### Register



#### Savor The Square Tree Giveaway

We are finishing off the week of TREEmendous fun on May 1 from 10am - 2pm with a tree giveaway at Nubian Square as a part of <u>Savor The Square</u>. There will be **six different species** of saplings available for residents of Boston: Balsam Fir, Redbud, Nutall Oak, Kousa Dogwood, Norway Spruce, and Black Tupelo. <u>Register for a free sapling here.</u>

Can't make it on May 1? Don't worry! We have partners all over the city distributing seedlings for free. You can peruse our <u>events page</u> to find the nearest site to you.

# We're Hiring: Full Time, Part Time, and Summer



We are currently hiring for positions this summer and 2021. Please share these opportunities with anyone who may be interested in working towards a healthy equitable tree canopy in Boston.

- Full time Community Outreach Manager
  - The full-time Community Outreach Manger will help to expand our mission of Tree Equity to Boston by bringing our programs to under-resourced and under-canopied neighborhoods of Boston. This individual will work closely with the Executive Director, interns, and volunteers to implement programs throughout the city.
- Program Coordinator for our summer Teen Urban Tree Corps program
   The TUTC Program Coordinator will have primary responsibility of managing the TUTC program. For approximately 25 hours per week, the Program Coordinator will supervise TUTC youth in the field or at events. An additional 5-10 hours per week will be spent assisting SFTT staff program development, curriculum planning, program evaluation, and/ or networking opportunities.
- <u>2-3 Team Leaders for our summer Teen Urban Tree Corps program</u>
   TUTC Team Leader will supervise the TUTC participants. For approximately 20 hours per week, the Team Leader will work with and oversee a 4-5 person group of teens.
   An additional 5-10 hours per week will be spent assisting the Program Coordinator
- 20 teens for our Teen Urban Tree Corps program
  We're seeking 20 teens for our 6-week program that provides workforce development opportunities for Boston youth. Through various trips and activities, teens will gain skills in urban forestry and learn about the importance of urban trees and how to plant, care for, and advocate for trees. Teens will also make connections in the world of urban forestry. As a final project, teens will develop a tree planting plan in their community based on what they learned in the program. 25 hours per week at \$13.50 / hour. This position is only open to Boston residents between the ages of 15-18. Teens can apply directly online at <a href="https://bit.ly/TUTC2021Teen">https://bit.ly/TUTC2021Teen</a>



#### A staff update

You may have noticed a staff change. A few weeks ago Olivia Gomez departed her position as Program Associate and took a teaching job at Milton Academy. We are so appreciative of all her hard work for the past year and wish her much luck in her new job!

We're pleased to welcome Ashley Pedersen to our team. Ashley will be with us for the next couple of months organizing events and our Teen Urban Tree Corps program. You may remember Ashley from her amazing volunteer work last year in Hyde Park coordinating our tree delivery program. Please take a moment to meet Ashley with her brief bio below.

While Ashley's fondness of trees began in childhood while playing "house" under the blue spruce in her backyard, she developed a passion for urban forestry as Director of Education at Tucson Botanical Gardens where she developed educational programming to facilitate an appreciation of plants and nature, to help residents design appropriate desert landscapes, and to foster stewardship of Tucson's urban forest. Dedicating her career to the design of healthier and more equitable urban green spaces, Ashley is pursing a Master's of Landscape Architecture degree at the Rhode Island School of Design. She is delighted to support Speak for the Trees' inspiring work by helping to coordinate events, volunteers, and youth programs. On weekends, Ashley enjoys hiking in the many forests near her home in Arlington, MA with her husband and 4-year-old son.

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