

CANOPY CLIMB FOR SCHOOLS

Explore Your Urban Forest at Shaw Nature Reserve

What would your students say if you ask them if they live in a forest?

The trees among us—in our backyards, schoolyards, neighborhoods, gardens, parks and highways—indeed make up an urban forest. Yet in St. Louis and across the country, trees face numerous threats and are in decline.

Designed to immerse your students in our urban forest like never before, the **Canopy Climb: Explore Your Urban Forest** program introduces them to the extraordinary, diverse world of trees and forests. This all-day program can accommodate groups of 24 students, split into two groups of 12, to experience both a guided forest ecology program and an unforgettable climbing experience*:

9:30 a.m.	Arrival & introduction
10 a.m. to noon	Group 1 – Climbing session Group 2 – Forest Ecology Exploration
Noon to 12:30 p.m.	Lunch (Space provided, please plan to bring your lunches with you)
12:30 to 2:30 p.m.	Group 1 – Forest Ecology Exploration Group 2 – Climbing session

Students will learn the basics of tree climbing mechanics, including climbing techniques, balance, and safety from a certified climbing instructor**. At the culmination of the program, the groups will reconvene to learn about local and global canopy/forest research and real-world conservation careers.

Participating schools will receive:

- The online MBG **TREEmendous Educator's Guide**, which contains a variety of pre- and post- lessons designed to align with science standards and encourage action projects and other community connections.
- The opportunity for each participant to earn a **Canopy Climb** learning badge and certificate to encourage continued exploration and stewardship of trees and forests.

**Instructors will modify experiences and content to accommodate students from 4th to 12th grade.*

***Instructors from Vertical Voyages are certified through the Global Organization of Tree Climbers and American Mountain Guides Association.*

For more information, visit
www.mobot.org/canopyclimb



RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!

Limited space available.

Pricing for Schools

- \$895 flat fee† per group (regardless of number of students). Max. 24 climbers.
- One adult chaperone per 8 students required. Required chaperones receive free admission.
- Due to the nature of this program, scholarship funds are not available to cover the program fees.

†Approximately \$37 per student assuming 24 climbers in the group.

Reservations are by appointment only. To book Canopy Climb for your school, call (636) 451-3512 or email helen.mccallie@mobot.org.



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