

# 2025 Conference Schedule

*Registration opens 30 minutes prior to the first session each day.*

## **Wednesday, January 15 – ADVANCED ARBORISTS TRAINING WORKSHOP**

- 8:00 Federally-Protected Wildlife in Kansas – Michele McNulty
- 9:15 *Break*
- 9:30 State-Protected Wildlife in Kansas – Zack Cordes
- 10:45 *Break*
- 11:00 Introduction to Arborists and Wildlife Habitat – Brian French
- 12:00 *Lunch – Provided*
- 1:00 Impacts of the invasive emerald ash borer on tree physiology and forest ecosystem dynamics: Opportunities for mitigation – Charlie Flower
- 2:00 *Break*
- 2:15 Breeding for host resistance to invasive pests with a focus on EAB – Dave Carey
- 3:30 *Break*
- 3:45 Crane Operation – Will Branch
- 5:00 *Social with Exhibitors – Includes complimentary drinks and appetizers*

## **Thursday, January 16 – SHADE TREE CONFERENCE**

- 8:00 Welcome – Levi Parkin, President KAA
- 8:15 Options for Invasive Plant Management in Urban and Municipal Settings – Matt Arndt
- 9:15 Introduction of Exhibitors
- 9:30 Legislative Approach to Invasive Plant Control – Matt Arndt
- 10:30 *Break*
- 10:45 Right Gear, Right Style – Travis Vickerson
- 11:45 *Lunch – on your own*
- 1:00 KAA Arborist Certification Process & Code of Ethics
- 1:45 Kansas Arborists Association Business Meeting
- 2:30 Climbing Giant Trees & Their Cultural Significance – Brian French
- 3:30 *Break*
- 3:45 Urban Wood Utilization – Tim O'Neill & Dave Bruton
- 5:00 *Social with Exhibitors – Cash Bar*
- 6:30 KAA Banquet

## **Friday, January 17 – SHADE TREE CONFERENCE**

- 8:30 Plant Health Care Panel – Presentations (15 min each)
- 9:30 Plant Health Care Panel Discussion
- 10:30 *Break*
- 10:45 Branching Out: Integrating AI into Arboriculture & Urban Forestry – Jacob McMains
- 11:45 *Lunch – on your own*
- 1:00 Aerial Rescue; Working with First Responders – Travis Vickerson
- 2:00 Pesticide Regulations – Kansas Department of Agriculture  
(CEU for Kansas Commercial Pesticide Applicator Licensees – 1 core hour)
- 3:00 Closing Remarks/Adjourn

***ISA CEUs will be available and announced during the sessions***