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## Join the Openlands Community: Become a TreeKeeper Summer 2017 Certification Course

Austin Gardens  
Environmental  
Education Center  
167 Forest Ave  
Oak Park, IL 60302

Thursday, June 1  
6:00-9:00pm

Tuesday, June 6  
6:00-9:00pm

Thursday, June 8  
6:00-9:00pm

Tuesday, June 13  
6:00-9:00pm

Thursday, June 15  
6:00-9:00pm

Tuesday, June 20  
6:00-9:00pm

Thursday, June 22  
6:00-9:00pm

Tuesday, June 27  
6:00-9:00pm



Graduation date to be  
announced!



### What is the TreeKeepers Program?

The TreeKeepers Program is an 8-day course taught by nationally and world-renowned experts, focused on managing and reducing the threats to forest health. Topics covered include tree physiology and soils, tree identification, pruning, tree selection, planting and mulching, and pests and diseases.

### What do I need to do to become a certified TreeKeeper?

- Attend all 8 classes (missed classes may be made up at a subsequent series)
- Complete field tests and pass a written final exam on tree care
- Pledge 25 volunteer hours within a year following graduation
- **Adopt public trees** in a park or on a parkway

### How much does the course cost and what is included in tuition?

The certification course costs \$128 (scholarships available). Included in the tuition is a TreeKeepers Program Manual, safety glasses, and upon graduation, a TreeKeepers certificate, TreeKeepers badge, and a TreeKeepers t-shirt.

Becoming a TreeKeeper is an entry way to understanding the conservation community, specifically in the Chicago region. TreeKeepers connect with many organizations engaging in community greening and join a well-respected network of volunteers.

For more information, please contact [treekeepers@openlands.org](mailto:treekeepers@openlands.org) or visit [www.openlands.org/treekeepers](http://www.openlands.org/treekeepers).