Job Description: Tree Climber

The TREE CLIMBER position is available for an individual with a strong work ethic who is able to work independently, enjoys learning new skills, and likes working outdoors. The tree climber will at all times adhere to Cutting Edge safety guidelines, performing work according to all policies and procedures. The Tree Climber is a skilled position responsible for tree maintenance, pruning and removals on residential and commercial properties <mark>using their own ropes, harness, saddle,</mark> and/or company bucket truck in accordance with company policy, ANSI z133 and A300 standards. <u>Must be able to demonstrate basic skills during interview process.</u>

THIS IS PHYSICAL LABOR: You will need to meet the following requirements:

- have a high school diploma or GED
- Legally authorized to work in the US
- have valid driver's license and available transportation, and ability to obtain a CDL
- have 3+ years of climbing experience
- be willing to submit to a drug screening post-offer
- be able to lift 75-100+ pounds
- have the ability to perform strenuous labor in all weather conditions
- Non-Smoker

Qualities:

1.Is able to follow directions from the team leader and work as a part of the team, using strong verbal and non-verbal communication skills and representing Cutting Edge in a friendly and professional manner. Reports for duty at the designated location on time each day

3. Leaves 'issues at home' for a time after work, as to avoid distractions and focus on the tasks at hand

4. Supportive and encouraging to others engaged in tree climbing work and cross-trains other crew members

5. Ability to solve problems and achieve common goals

Daily tasks, skills, and responsibilities include:

1. Climbing trees using approved climbing equipment according to ANSI Z133.1 industry standards
2. Trimming, pruning, shaping trees and shrubs according to ANSI A300 industry standards
3. Static and dynamic cabling, bracing, bolting, guying trees and branches
4. Specialized skills needed to operate and perform general maintenance on equipment such as a chipper, stump grinder, and chainsaw, and other various tools in a safe and responsible manner, according to ANSI Z133 and company standards.
5. Ability to tie tree industry knots

6. Skill to hoist tools and equipment, safely lower branches with ropes, use a block and tackle
6. Preferably 3 years' experience in the Arboriculture industry, preferably a certified arborist
7. Strives to perform up to their God given potential, advance in education and maintain certification, participate in training programs & certification processes
8. Daily inspection of all personal climbing and safety equipment including ropes, saddle, PPE
9. Learns, understands, and adheres to all **safety** rules and company safety policies, participates in all safety training sessions offered, asks questions, and improves job safety skills

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Attention to detail is critical to maintain high quality of care

Knowledge and execution of proper pruning per ISA/ANSI A300 standards

Possess tree and plant identification skills

Performs all required ground, climbing, and aerial lift duties in support of specific job assignments, as directed by crew leader or designated supervisor

Participates in all job site safety briefings

Utilizes all appropriate personal protective equipment

Understands and demonstrates proficiency in all aspects of the ground person position

Develops a basic understanding of tree growth

Demonstrates sound tree risk assessment skills

Demonstrates equipment inspection skills

Demonstrates proper application of approved knots

Demonstrates and practices proper climbing techniques and procedures

Demonstrates and practices proper pruning and small removal skills

Demonstrates and practices proper rigging techniques

Assists with driving, backing, dumping, and parking duties

Learns and understands the dangers associated with electrical hazards

Maintains assigned company gear according to the issued equipment policy