

For many, Stephen F. Austin State University's tree-lined campus and Nacogdoches' beautiful city parks solidify their future as Lumberjacks. Now, the Arthur Temple College of Forestry and Agriculture wants to celebrate our community's natural beauty and encourage everyone to embrace their inner forester by sharing their favorite tree

CATEGORIES:

1. LARGEST CIRCUMFERENCE

The trunk circumference should be measured at 4 feet 6 inches above ground level.

2. LARGEST CROWN

The crown of a tree consists of the branches and foliage that extend outward from the trunk.

3. TALLEST TREE

Research confirms that trees improve air quality, sequester carbon, improve water quality, and benefit mental and physical health. Our community trees do all of that and more!

4. BEST SHADE TREE

Studies have shown the temperature difference between shaded and non-shaded ground can be as high as 36 degrees Fahrenheit. What tree helps you beat the heat?

5. BEST OVERALL TREE

Is it the tree's wildlife value that you appreciate; perhaps the tree's beauty; or maybe you simply enjoy walking past it as you go about your daily routine? We want to know what tree you feel deserves the title of Best Overall Tree, and why.

PRIZES ALSO WILL BE GIVEN TO THE MOST CREATIVE AND INTERESTING SUBMISSIONS, EVEN IF MEASUREMENTS ARE NOT PRECISE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE COMPETITION, AS WELL AS HOW TO RECORD TREE MEASUREMENTS, VISIT [HTTPS://BIT.LY/3j4xLNQ/](https://bit.ly/3j4xLNQ/) AND CLICK THE NACOGDO TREES TAB.

ENTRY INFORMATION:

1. The goal of the Nacogdo TREES Competition is to highlight the importance of urban and community trees, raise awareness of the ecological benefits of trees and to encourage community members to spend time outdoors.
2. Entry to the competition is free.
3. Participants are expected to provide their best estimates for technical measurements. Standard measurements will be taken by staff members or students enrolled in FOR 111 during the fall 2020 semester.
4. To be eligible, trees must be located on the SFA campus, which includes SFA Gardens' Tucker Woods, the Pineywoods Native Plant Center, Hunts Woods, Ruby M. Mize Azalea Garden and Mast Arboretum, be located within a property managed by the City of Nacogdoches Parks and Recreation, or be on your personal property. By submitting the entry form, the participant grants SFA students and staff a license to enter onto their property at a specified time during the competition for the purpose of taking tree measurements. A full list of public locations is available on the competition website: forestry.sfasu.edu/nacogdotrees/.
5. The Nacogdo TREES Competition closes at 5 p.m. Fri. Nov. 20. Entries received after this time will not be considered.
6. Participants agree to allow tree details, stories and photographs or video provided to be available for use in press releases and/or online.
7. Entries that do not meet ethical or moral standards will be disqualified at the discretion of the sponsor.
8. Finalists and winners will be selected by the judging panel of Arthur Temple College of Forestry and Agriculture faculty and staff members and students.
9. The sponsors are not liable for any injuries, damages, expenses or losses to participants or their property as a result of contest participation.
10. Stories without names or identifying information may be used for research purposes and possible academic publication. Concerns may be directed to the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs at (936) 468-6606.

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PARTICIPANT DETAILS:

Name: _____

Classification: faculty staff student member of the community

Postal address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

TREE DETAILS:

Which category are you entering?

What is the tree species you are nominating? (If you are unsure, please provide photos for ease of identification.)

Where is the tree located? Please describe, and if possible, provide GPS coordinates available through Google Earth on your smart phone.

Provide photos (3 maximum) and/or a video (1 min. maximum) of the tree. Awards will be given to the most creative entries.

What is the circumference of the tree?
_____ Inches

What is the average crown diameter? (Please provide best estimate.)
_____ Feet

What is the height of the tree? (Please provide best estimate.)
_____ Feet

Provide a description of the tree and why it is special to you. If needed, you may attach another page.

I have read and agree to the conditions of entry.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

TO ENTER:

Email your entry form to fullersa@sfasu.edu (Please include a link or files to your photos and/or video.)

OR

Bring entry form and accompanying materials to the front office of the Arthur Temple College of Forestry and Agriculture, located at 419 E. College St.

For more information, contact Sarah Fuller, outreach coordinator, at fullersa@sfasu.edu or call (936) 468-1185.