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Renowned ‘Arborifessor’ will talk trees at Piscataway Park, July 30th

Accokeek, MD, June 19, 2017 – Trees throughout the U.S. Capital region will be in the spotlight this summer when the [STIHL Tour des Trees to benefit TREE Fund](#) launches from National Harbor, MD, July 30. Approximately 70 cyclists will ride over 500 miles in week to raise money for tree research and education and raise awareness of the value that mature, healthy trees bring to communities in the greater D.C. metro area. 2017 marks the 25th anniversary of the ride. Over the thousands of miles, the Tour des Trees has been a key means by which [TREE Fund](#) has issued over \$3.0 million in direct program grants since 2002 and educated millions of people on the importance of our urban forest.

The Accokeek Foundation will host a tree-mendous event for kids and families as part of the Tour’s visit to Accokeek on Sunday, July 30. Toronto arborist and veteran Tour cyclist Warren Hoselton, aka [Professor Elwood Pricklethorn](#), will present a kid-friendly program in tree science at 10:30 am at Piscataway Park (3400 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek, MD 20607).



The Professor’s interactive program focuses on how trees grow, where and how to plant a tree so it will live a long life, and what kids can do to care for the trees in their world. At the end of the program the Professor will lead the children in dedicating a tree provided by Chesapeake Natives. In addition, each child will receive a book about trees courtesy of The Davey Tree Expert Company and TREE Fund. The Accokeek Library also will accept a set of books for inclusion in its children’s collection.

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About TREE Fund

TREE Fund is an 501(c)3 charity dedicated to the discovery and international dissemination of new knowledge in urban forestry and arboriculture (the science of caring for trees in a landscape). TREE Fund awards scholarships and education grants to engage and support the next generation of tree stewards, and multiple research grants to improve the science, safety and practice of arboriculture.

With support from individual donors and Partners TREE Fund research has contributed to:

- Improving conditions for tree growth in difficult sites



- Developing strategies to manage diseases and pests that affect urban trees
- Improving utility line clearing practices
- Understanding air pollution reduction and carbon sequestration by trees
- Determining the costs and benefits of urban trees

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About Accokeek Foundation



For 60 years, the Accokeek Foundation has been a steward of the land. Through a partnership with the National Park Service, the Accokeek Foundation interprets the past, present, and future of agriculture and environmental stewardship on 200 acres in Piscataway Park. The park is open daily to visitors of all ages who enjoy a quiet landscape for recreation and reflection. Annually, thousands of school children visit for farm-based education, learning about environmental stewardship through a historical lens. Thanks to support from donors and members, the Accokeek Foundation provides a natural space for all to enjoy, for generations to come.

To learn more, visit www.accokeekfoundation.org.