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Media, Pa. (July 22, 2011) – Families are invited to connect with nature and celebrate all things trees at Tyler Arboretum’s upcoming **Tree House Festival** on **August 6, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm**. The event is free with regular admission and will be held rain or shine. Families can bring a blanket and picnic lunch to enjoy on the grounds.

Explore seven *Totally Terrific Treehouses* and participate in a range of outdoor activities that entice kids and their grown-ups to discover the magic of trees. Saddle up with rope and harness for **kids tree climbing** under the guidance of a professional arborist from Oakwood Tree Care Professionals. Watch **Joseph King the “Tree Carver”** recycle an oak stump into an elaborate chainsaw sculpture. Be fascinated by native birds-of-prey during **raptor demonstrations** by the Academy of Natural Sciences (11:30 am and 1:00 pm). Explore the future of trees with members of the **PA Chapter of the American Chestnut Foundation**, whose kid-friendly display will highlight initiatives to restore the American chestnut tree to native forests. Enjoy **make-and-take tree crafts**, a **tree house scavenger hunt**, and a **bubble machine** that will delight kids of all ages. Representatives from **WJBR-FM 99.5** will add to the lively atmosphere with music and a prize wheel (11:00 am – 1:00 pm).

The Tree House Festival highlights Tyler Arboretum’s *Totally Terrific Treehouses* exhibition, which celebrates trees and their role in our lives. Running through Sunday, November 27, the exhibition is free with admission and is open rain or shine during regular Arboretum hours. Families can explore seven one-of-a-kind exhibits

designed and built by architects and artisans from around the Philadelphia region. Be inspired by our arboreal heritage as you wonder at creations ranging from the elegantly simple to the fantastically elaborate: *you will never look at trees in the same way again!*

Tyler Arboretum is grateful for the support of the 2011 Totally Terrific Treehouses Sponsors. Presenting Sponsor is **NBC10**. Media Sponsors are **99.5 WJBR, County Lines Magazine, Main Line Today, Delaware County News Network** and **Fun Things To Do With Your Kids in Delaware County**.

About Tyler

One of the oldest arboreta in the United States, Tyler Arboretum encompasses 650 acres of renowned plant collections, champion trees, rare plant specimens, a butterfly house, historic buildings and 20 miles of hiking trails through woodlands, wetlands, and meadows. Tyler Arboretum is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to preserve, develop, and share its diverse horticultural, historic, and natural site resources in order to stimulate stewardship and an understanding of the living world. The Arboretum offers educational programs, workshops, tours, and special events throughout the year for children and adults.

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