

Greetings, during the week of July 18<sup>th</sup> in Chicago Illinois I will be participating in The Tour des Trees, “**The Tree Research and Education Endowment Fund**” (TREE Fund). A 500 miles cross-country cycling tour now in its 18th year, the Tour des Trees has become the signature fundraising event of the **TREE Fund**, and America’s largest fundraising event for tree research and education. The event is celebrated as part of the ISA (International Society of Arboriculture) annual conference.



**The 2010 STIHL** Tour des Trees will launch from Chicago's beautiful Millennium Park on July 18 and travel westward to the Mississippi River and Iowa before looping back toward the Chicago area. The 2010 Tour concludes with a 30-mile "Ride for Research" through Chicago's western suburbs and a grand entrance into the Morton Arboretum during the International Society of Arboriculture's International Tree Climbing Championship on July 24.

The 2009 STIHL Tour des Trees has raised **\$441,000** in donations and sponsorships, and this year they hope to break the \$500,000 mark. Riders receive direct donations through their web page <http://stihltourdestrees.org/event/riders.html>. Click on Riders Gallery and a list of rider's pictures and names will appear, select the name and click the icon “**donation**”.

Each rider at least has to raise \$3,500.00, please kindly I am asking for your generous donations in my name... you can donate visiting the web page <http://stihltourdestrees.org/event/riders.html> and read all the information.

Please feel free to share this information!!!

Thank you!!!

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