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**FREE TREEKEEPERS COURSE**

ST. LOUIS, October 17, 2008 – Forest ReLeaf of Missouri is offering an opportunity for individuals to learn to care for the trees in their communities through a free TreeKeepers course. The course will be held this winter at St. Louis Community College's Wildwood campus in west St. Louis County. The campus is located at 2645 Generations Drive (near the intersection of Route 109 and Manchester Road).

The TreeKeepers course is a six-session introductory class about the benefits of trees in our cities and towns, and how to properly plant and care for them. A program of Forest ReLeaf of Missouri, TreeKeepers is funded in part by the Missouri Department of Conservation.

The classes will be held every Thursday from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. for six weeks beginning February 12 and ending March 26, with no class on March 19. Weather permitting, one session may be held outdoors.

Topics include tree identification, tree biology, planting, pruning, and insects and diseases. Although the course is free, participants are asked to provide 24 hours of volunteer service after graduation. These hours may be fulfilled through tree care projects in the participants' communities, at CommuniTree Gardens, Forest ReLeaf's community nursery in Creve Coeur Park, or through other projects arranged by Forest ReLeaf.

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The course is limited to the first 25 registrants and pre-registration is required. Registration begins on January 5. For more information, please call St. Louis Community College at Meramec, Department of Continuing Education, (314) 984-7777, or Forest ReLeaf of Missouri, 1-888-4-RELEAF.

Forest ReLeaf of Missouri is a St. Louis-based not-for-profit organization founded in 1993 to promote urban and community reforestation. It provides education and tree planting programs throughout the state and region. To learn more, visit the organization's website at [www.moreleaf.org](http://www.moreleaf.org).

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