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From left, a helmet, harness, rope and a big shot to launch a line up into a tree are among a few of the necessary items used for tree climbing.

saws to cut off dead wood or excess growth.

Sayce, who works as a scientist for Shorebank Pacific in Ilwaco, Wash., said an ecological dilemma awaits arboretum managers as the 75-year-old exotic trees begin to die. Sayce has spent her free time surveying the trees in the arboretum and along the North Coast, where the CCC went on to plant trees and shrubs along 19 miles of the shoreline.

“What’s going to happen in another generation when all these trees die, and how hard should we work to preserve them?” she wonders, noting that many of the trees in the arboretum aren’t native to

the region and might not naturalize to produce young trees on their own.

“Two hundred years from now, when all these trees have died from old age, should we try to recreate it? ... It’s an interesting little bit of living history that might hang around for 100 years or it might not.”

Colvin said his tree preservation techniques could prolong the life of the existing trees and encourage productivity to keep the arboretum intact as long as possible



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A long-limbed Chinese elm grows horizontally, reaching out for sunlight from under the dense canopy at the Camp Kiwanilona Arboretum.

Tree pruning clinic planned Saturday

At 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Arbor Care Tree Specialists and the Clatsop County Master Gardeners are holding a fruit tree pruning clinic at Camp Kiwanilong in Warrenton. Admission is two cans for the Clatsop County Food Banks.

The clinic will be followed by a tree preservation party from 1 to 5 p.m., where certified arborist Luke Colvin of Olney will demonstrate how to maintain 70-year-old Scotch pine, maritime pine and sitka spruce trees in the Camp Kiwanilong Arboretum.

Colvin is recruiting members for a new volunteer group, Arborists at the Arboretum, which will be dedicated to preserving the camp’s historic trees and trails.