



## MTLC'S BIG TREE III CONTEST



In observation of Middletown Township's 2009 Pride Day celebration, the Middletown Township Land Conservancy (MTLC) is launching The Big Tree III contest to locate and catalog the Township's venerable old trees. This is the third Big Tree contest sponsored by MTLC during the last 18 years. It is hoped that some new State Champion Trees will be identified and other "old timers" or unusual trees will be entered into a Big Tree Registry to help protect them from destruction due to development.

There were a total of 129 entries for the previous two contests. Of the previous Township winners, two were larger than the State Champions at that time and four trees were of a species not previously listed. These were added to the State Champion list. Four of the trees measured were over 300 years old. There were many species of trees, which were not entered, such as native dogwood, ironwood, golden raintree, star magnolia, bitternut hickory and arborvitae. Many trees are naturally small, but should not be overlooked. Remember, it is not just the size, but also the species that counts.

Please complete the information below and mail the form to MTLC. If you are not the owner of the tree, please enter your information in the area indicated for the "contestant". Remember to get the landowner's permission to examine trees not on your own property. Only trees located in Middletown Township are eligible. Trees located within Tyler Arboretum are excluded from this contest. Trees already listed in the *Big Trees of Pennsylvania* publication are not eligible. Official measurements will be made in concert with Middletown resident, Scott Wade, PA Big Tree Coordinator, Pennsylvania Forestry Association. Winners will be announced after Labor Day.

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### Middletown Township's Big Tree III Contest Application

Species of Tree: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Tree: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Owner of Tree: \_\_\_\_\_

Trunk Circumference (measured at 4 ½ feet above the ground): \_\_\_\_\_

Contestant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contestant's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Has this tree previously been entered into MTLC's Big Tree I or II contests? \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to:  
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PO Box 4103  
Elwyn, PA 19063