Pennsylvania Sustainable Forestry Initiative®
Implementation Committee
Professional Timber Harvester Training Program

2017 Spring Training Schedule

***SAVE TIME, REGISTER ONLINE AT:* www.sfiofpa.org/register**

To avoid course cancellations, pre-registration and payment for all classes is required by the registration deadline.
***Registration is on a* first-come, first-served basis**

CORE TRAINING

Individuals must complete *Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials*, *Game of Logging - Level 1*, and provide proof of current *First Aid & CPR* certification within a 2-year period to receive a PA SFI® Professional Timber Harvester Training Card. Refer to the Training Program Policy for complete details on training requirements at: www.sfiofpa.org/requirements.

- *Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials and Basic First Aid & Adult CPR* do ***NOT qualify for continuing education credit***
- *If you have not taken Game of Logging – Level 1 in the last 5 years, you can attend GOL-1 for CE Credit*

Course Date	Time	Course Name (Course Descriptions on Registration form)	Location	Cost ❖	Register By
03/14/17 Tues	8:00 AM	**Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)**	Harrisburg	$ 85.00	03/07/2017
03/23/17 Thurs	7:30 AM	**Game of Logging – Level 1 (8 hours)**	Altoona	$ 95.00	03/16/2017
04/06/17 Thurs	7:30 AM	**Game of Logging – Level 1 (8 hours)**	Forksville	$ 95.00	03/30/2017
04/25/17 Tues	8:00 AM	**Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)**	Penfield	$ 85.00	04/18/2017
04/26/17 Wed	7:30 AM	**Game of Logging – Level 1 (8 hours)**	Penfield	$ 95.00	04/19/2017
05/03/17 Wed	8:00 AM	**Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)**	Wellsboro	$ 85.00	04/26/2017
05/04/17 Thurs	7:30 AM	**Game of Logging – Level 1 (8 hours)**	Wellsboro	$ 95.00	04/27/2017
05/06/17 Sat	8:00 AM	**Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)**	Honesdale	$ 85.00	04/29/2017
05/08/17 Mon	7:30 AM	**Game of Logging – Level 1 (8 hours)**	Smifield	$ 95.00	05/01/2017
05/10/17 Wed	8:00 AM	**Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)**	Laughlintown	$ 85.00	05/03/2017
05/16/17 Tues	7:30 AM	**Game of Logging – Level 1 (8 hours)**	Alexandria	$ 95.00	05/09/2017
05/17/17 Wed	8:00 AM	**Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)**	Huntingdon	$ 85.00	05/10/2017

- ❖ Employees insured through Eastern Forestry Insurance Group can have the registration fee for Game of Logging classes paid by WJ Cox Insurance. Please submit proof of insurance with your registration form.
- ❖ Northern Tier Hardwood Association Members can apply for a 50% reimbursement of registration costs after completing courses. Contact NTHA at (570) 265-7753.

CONTINUING EDUCATION TRAINING

One (1) year of CE credit is given for each four (4) hours of training completed. Refer to the Training Program Policy for complete details on training requirements at: www.sfiofpa.org/requirements.

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03/20/17 Mon	12:00 PM	**PA Wildlife Species of Greatest Conservation Need (4 hours)**	Mercer	$ 30.00	03/13/2017
03/24/17 Fri	7:30 AM	**Diesel Engine & Hydraulic System Safety and Maintenance (4 hours)**	Altoona	**BEING HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE 2017 PA FOREST LANDOWNERS CONFERENCE. COST $85. TO REGISTER GO TO: www.ecosystems.psu.edu/forest-conference OR CALL (814) 360-3131**	
04/04/17 Tues	1:00 PM	**49th Annual Loggers & Saw Millers Spring Safety Meeting (4 hours)**	Johnsonburg	$ 20.00	03/28/2017
04/07/17 Fri	7:30 AM	**Game of Logging – Level 2 (8 hours)**	Ralston	$ 95.00	03/31/2017
04/10/17 Mon	12:00 PM	**PA Wildlife Species of Greatest Conservation Need (4 hours)**	Dallas	$ 30.00	04/03/2017
04/17/17 Mon	8:00 AM	**Business Management for Timber Harvesters (8 hours)**	New Millport	$ 30.00	04/10/2017
04/19/17 Wed	7:30 AM	**Game of Logging – Level 2 (8 hours)**	Elizabethville	$ 95.00	04/12/2017
04/20/17 Thurs	7:30 AM	**Game of Logging – Level 3 (8 hours)**	Elizabethville	$ 95.00	04/13/2017
04/20/17 Thurs	8:00 AM	**Erosion Control in Our Forests (8 hours)**	Byrnedale	**COST IS $15/PERSON. REGISTER WITH ELK COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT BY April 13 - (814) 776-5373. ADDITIONAL $20 FOR PA SFI CE CREDITS.**	
04/26/17 Wed	12:00 PM	**Forest Health Update (4 hours)**	Galeton	$ 30.00	04/19/2017
04/29/17 Sat	8:00 AM	**Advanced Logger Rescue (8 hours)**	Howard	**COST IS FREE. PRE-REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY. REQUEST REGISTRATION FROM PA STATE FIRE ACADEMY AT: gbimle@pa.gov OR (717) 247-3752 BY April 7. ADDITIONAL $20 FOR PA SFI CE CREDITS.**	
04/30/17 Sun	8:00 AM	**Advanced Logger Rescue (8 hours)**	Howard		
05/01/17 Mon	8:00 AM	**Sustainable Forestry (8 hours)**	Brookville	$ 30.00	04/24/2017
05/01/17 Mon	12:00 PM	**PA Wildlife Species of Greatest Conservation Need (4 hours)**	Blain	$ 30.00	04/24/2017
05/09/17 Tues	7:30 AM	**Game of Logging – Danger Tree Workshop (4 hours)**	Laughlintown	$ 95.00	05/02/2017
05/13/17 Sat	8:00 AM	**Hydraulics System Safety & Maintenance (8 hours)**	Montgomery	$ 75.00	05/06/2017
06/09/17 Fri	1:00 PM	**2017 Timber Show CE Update (4 hours)**	PA Furnace	$ 20.00	06/02/2017
06/10/17 Sat	9:30 AM	**2017 Timber Show CE Update (4 hours)**	PA Furnace	$ 20.00	06/03/2017

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OTHER CONTINUING EDUCATION TRAINING

Additional training opportunities are available through numerous organizations across Pennsylvania and adjoining states. Training courses taken from other sources may qualify for PA SFI core or continuing education credit, provided the subject of the course is relevant to the SFI program, and if some legitimate form of documentation is provided to the PA SIC office for proof of content and attendance. To submit Non-PA SFI training credits please fill out a copy of the Non-PA SFI Course Credit Form (available on our website under "Forms" section or by contacting the PA SIC office) and send it to the PA SIC office with all necessary paperwork and a check for $20 made payable to the "PA SFI Implementation Committee" for administrative costs. Refer to the Training Program Policy for complete details on training requirements.

The PA SIC maintains a listing of all pre-approved Non-PA SFI CE training courses that we have been made aware of. It can be found on our website: **http://sfiofpa.blogspot.com**

Visit www.sfiofpa.org/register for additional details and the most current training schedule. Programs may be added or cancelled at any time.
For additional Information, please contact the PA SFI® Implementation Committee at: (814) 230-2866, or mark@sfiofpa.org

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2017 Spring Course Registration Form

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- Registration fees are **non-refundable and non-transferrable** after the course registration deadline if the course is held and you do not attend.
- Registration is on a first come, first served basis. Your space in a course will not be reserved until the registration fee is paid. Please do not delay in making payment or your space could be given to another participant.
- Courses may be cancelled if a minimum number of students are not registered by the registration deadline. Please register on time.
- For a full description of the Training Program Policies, please visit www.sfiofpa.org/requirements or contact the PA SIC® office.

ATTENDEE	COURSE DATE	COURSE NAME	COURSE LOCATION	COST
(Please Print Clearly / One Course Participant Per Form)				
Name: (Full First, Middle Initial, Last) **Home Mailing Address:**				
Home or Cell Phone: ( ) _____ - _____ **Email:**				
Occupation (circle one): • Forester • Logger-owner • Logger-employee • Landowner • Office personnel • Truck driver • Other _____	**Make checks payable to: "Pennsylvania SIC"** **Mail to:** PA SFI Implementation Committee 748 Gravel Point Road Howard, PA 16841		**Total Amount Enclosed:**	

2017 COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

CORE TRAINING:

Required to receive a PA SFI® Professional Timber Harvester Training Card. All 3 requirements must be completed within 2 years.

- **Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)** - Covers general safety considerations, chainsaw safety, logging equipment safety (harvesters, loaders, skidders, etc.), trucking safety and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Standards that apply to timber harvesting and related activities. Also covers pertinent aspects of Pennsylvania's Clean Streams laws and other water resource protection regulations, Best Management Practices (BMPs), hazardous material control, and logging aesthetics. DOES NOT COUNT FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT.
- **Game of Logging – Level 1 (8 hours)** - Focuses on introducing the participant to the "open face" felling technique and the development of skills to safely use it. Topics covered include personal protective equipment, chainsaw safety features, chainsaw reactive forces, bore cutting, pre-planning the fell, and understanding hinge wood strength. Participants need safety equipment (hard hat, chaps, eye protection, ear protection, and sturdy boots), water, lunch, and should be prepared to spend the day outside (rain or shine). Participants are not required to provide their own chainsaw. If you have not taken Game of Logging – Level 1 within the last five (5) years, you can attend GOL-1 for continuing education credit.
- **First Aid & CPR (4 hours)** - Because timber harvesting is a hazardous occupation, OSHA regulations require that everyone who works in the woods maintain current First Aid & CPR training from a provider who can issue a certificate or a card as documentation of hands on training (i.e. no online certifications will be accepted). Individuals do not need to complete this training through the PA SFI Professional Timber Harvester Training Program; however, they must provide proof of First Aid & CPR certification to receive their initial training card (we cannot accept the MSHA 5000-23 form as satisfaction of this requirement). DOES NOT COUNT FOR CE CREDIT.

CONTINUING EDUCATION (CE):

One (1) year of CE credit is given for each four (4) hours of CE training completed. CE credits can only extend your card date a maximum of three (3) years from the current calendar year. CE credit will not be awarded for taking the same class more than once in a five (5) year period.

- **2017 Timber Show CE Update (4 hours)** - This CE Update course will explain the importance of Pennsylvania's logging workforce to our forests, the forest products industry, and efforts to support logging workers and companies. Results of a recent statewide logger survey and an update on the SFI program will also be presented.
- **49th Annual Loggers and Saw Millers Spring Safety Meeting (4 hours)** - Dana Hinkley, a logger and retired fire department captain, will be presenting elements of Advanced Logger Rescue training to help loggers understand how to improve the success of extricating a logger in an emergency situation. The meeting, which includes a free dinner, will include a number of additional safety updates. To receive continuing education credit, participants must attend both the SFI update class and the annual safety meeting that follows.
- **Advanced Logger Rescue (8 hours)** - Geared to prepare firefighters, EMS personnel, foresters, and loggers in taking action to reduce severity of injury and increase the chance of survival during a logging accident, this program teaches all participants how to handle an "in woods" rescue from the time a person has not arrived home until they are transported to a Level-1 Trauma Center.
- **Business Management for Timber Harvesters (8 hours)** - Profitability of a timber harvesting businesses is key to long term viability and implementing sustainable management practices. Participants are introduced to business plans, documents used for financial analysis, key people, sources of assistance, employee management, and other components of running a successful business. This is a great class for new loggers starting their own business or established loggers looking for a refresher.
- **Diesel Engine & Hydraulic System Safety and Maintenance (4 hours)** - The rugged conditions logging equipment operates under makes maintenance essential to sustaining performance. This workshop will introduce participants to diesel and hydraulic system operation, nomenclature and the function of associated components, safety practices, general maintenance, and diagnostic troubleshooting of these systems.
- **Erosion Control in Our Forests (8 hours)** - This workshop combines indoor and outdoor instruction time to discuss Pennsylvania's environmental regulatory requirements (chapters 93, 102, & 105 of PA Code). It discusses planning before the harvest, stream crossings, best management practices, reading E&S plans, and other considerations during and after the timber harvest.
- **Forest Health Update (4 hours)** - This course will provide timber harvesters with an update on the issues and controls for invasives, forest disease and pests, and deer impacts. Topics will be presented by experts from Penn State Extension, the PA Bureau of Forestry, and the US Forest Service.
- **Game of Logging (8 hours, each Level)** - These courses cover chainsaw safety and safe/efficient harvesting techniques. They MUST be taken in order. **Level 1** (see description under Core Training section). **Level 2** focuses on saw maintenance, chain sharpening techniques, releasing spring poles safely, and directional tree felling. **Level 3** focuses on handling difficult trees. Topics covered include limbing, wedging techniques and hinge placement. Level 4 focuses on ways to maximize a harvest plan for safety and productivity. Felling is practiced at working speed using all the techniques from the previous levels. **Danger Tree Workshop** emphasizes important elements of the Game of Logging training that should be used when evaluating and felling danger trees.
- **Hydraulic Systems Safety & Maintenance (8 hours)** - This hands-on course will introduce participants to the theory of hydraulic operation, nomenclature and function of associated components, safety practices, general maintenance, and diagnostic troubleshooting of hydraulic systems. It is taught at Penn College of Technology's heavy equipment lab.
- **PA Wildlife Species of Greatest Conservation Need (4 hours)** - A comprehensive course on Pennsylvania wildlife that are at risk for a variety of reasons. Causes for population declines and restoration efforts for several species will be highlighted. Up-to-date information on the status of state and federal threatened endangered species and potential impacts on timber harvesting will be included.
- **Sustainable Forestry (8 hours)** - How do you know that a timber harvest is "sustainable?" What are the consequences of high-grading and diameter limit cuts? This course covers the elements of sustainable harvesting practices and how to assess a stand. It focuses on the forest that remains as a result of the harvest.

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