



Pennsylvania Sustainable Forestry Initiative®

Implementation Committee

Professional Timber Harvester Training Program

2017 Fall Training Schedule

SAVE TIME, REGISTER ONLINE AT: www.sfiopa.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.sfiopa.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	
09/19/17	Tues	8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Reading	\$ 85.00	09/12/2017
09/20/17	Wed	7:30 AM	Game of Logging – Level 1 (8 hours)	Brickerville	\$ 95.00	09/13/2017
10/03/17	Tues	7:30 AM	Game of Logging – Level 1 (8 hours)	Smethport	\$ 95.00	09/26/2017
10/04/17	Wed	8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Smethport	\$ 85.00	09/27/2017
10/11/17	Wed	8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Towanda	\$ 85.00	10/04/2017
10/12/17	Thurs	7:30 AM	Game of Logging – Level 1 (8 hours)	Wellsboro	\$ 95.00	10/05/2017
10/19/17	Thurs	8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Bloomsburg	\$ 85.00	10/12/2017
10/24/17	Tues	8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Franklin	\$ 85.00	10/17/2017
10/24/17	Tues	7:30 AM	Game of Logging – Level 1 (8 hours)	Laurelton	\$ 95.00	10/17/2017
10/25/17	Wed	7:30 AM	Game of Logging – Level 1 (8 hours)	Titusville	\$ 95.00	10/18/2017
10/31/17	Tues	7:30 AM	Game of Logging – Level 1 (8 hours)	Penfield	\$ 95.00	10/24/2017
11/01/17	Wed	8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Penfield	\$ 85.00	10/25/2017
11/08/17	Wed	8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Laughlintown	\$ 85.00	11/01/2017
11/09/17	Thurs	7:30 AM	Game of Logging – Level 1 (8 hours)	Laughlintown	\$ 95.00	11/02/2017
11/14/17	Tues	7:30 AM	Game of Logging – Level 1 (8 hours)	Alexandria	\$ 95.00	11/07/2017
11/15/17	Wed	8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Huntingdon	\$ 85.00	11/08/2017
11/15/17	Wed	9:00 AM	Basic First Aid and Adult CPR (4 hours)	Smethport	\$ 50.00	11/08/2017
11/16/17	Thurs	9:00 AM	Basic First Aid and Adult CPR (4 hours)	Smethport	\$ 50.00	11/09/2017
11/17/17	Fri	8:00 AM	Basic First Aid and Adult CPR (4 hours)	Johnsonburg	\$ 90.00	11/10/2017

- ✦ 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.sfiopa.org/requirements.

Course Date	Time	Course Name (Course Descriptions on Registration form)	Location	Cost ✦	Register By	
08/31/17	Thurs	8:00 AM	Regenerating Hardwood Forests (8 hours)	Allensville	• COST IS FREE. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. TO REGISTER CONTACT CentreExt@psu.edu or (814)355-4897 BY 08/28. ADDITIONAL \$20 FOR PA SFI CE CREDITS.	
09/15/17	Fri	9:00 AM	ESM Dirt and Gravel Roads (8 hours)	Smethport	• COST IS \$20/PERSON. REGISTER WITH MCKEAN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT BY 09/15 – (814) 887-4001. ADDITIONAL \$20 FOR PA SFI CE CREDITS.	
09/29/17	Fri	8:00 AM	Advanced Logger Rescue (8 hours)	Oil City	• COST IS FREE. PRE-REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY. REQUEST REGISTRATION FROM PA STATE FIRE ACADEMY AT: gbimle@pa.gov or (717) 247-3752 BY 09/23. ADDITIONAL \$20 FOR PA SFI CE CREDITS.	
09/30/17	Sat	8:00 AM	Advanced Logger Rescue (8 hours)	Galeton		
10/01/17	Sun	8:00 AM	Advanced Logger Rescue (8 hours)	St Marys		
10/03/17	Tues	12:00 PM	Outdoor Survival Skills for Timber Harvesters (4 hours)	Spring Grove	\$ 50.00	09/26/2017
10/04/17	Wed	8:00 AM	Sustainable Timber Harvesting (8 hours)	McConnellsburg	\$ 30.00	09/27/2017
10/10/17	Tues	7:30 AM	Game of Logging – Level 3 (8 hours)	Hillsgrove	\$ 95.00	10/03/2017
10/11/17	Wed	7:30 AM	Game of Logging – Level 4 (8 hours)	Hillsgrove	\$ 95.00	10/04/2017
10/17/17	Tues	7:30 AM	Game of Logging – Level 3 (8 hours)	Elizabethville	\$ 95.00	10/10/2017
10/17/17	Tues	8:00 AM	Business Management for Timber Harvesters (8 hours)	Honesdale	\$ 30.00	10/10/2017
10/18/17	Wed	7:30 AM	Game of Logging – Level 4 (8 hours)	Elizabethville	\$ 95.00	10/11/2017
10/23/17	Mon	12:00 PM	Outdoor Survival Skills for Timber Harvesters (4 hours)	Laurelton	\$ 50.00	10/16/2017
10/26/17	Thurs	8:30 AM	Estimating Standing Timber (8 hours)	Laporte	\$ 50.00	10/19/2017
10/27/17	Fri	12:00 PM	PA Species of Greatest Conservation Need (4 hours)	Brookville	\$ 30.00	10/20/2017
11/01/17	Wed	7:30 AM	Game of Logging – Level 3 (8 hours)	Penfield	\$ 95.00	10/25/2017
11/02/17	Thurs	7:30 AM	Game of Logging – Level 4 (8 hours)	Penfield	\$ 95.00	10/26/2017
11/04/17	Sat	8:00 AM	Hydraulics System Safety & Maintenance (8 hours)	Montgomery	\$ 75.00	10/28/2017
11/03/17	Fri	8:00 AM	Advanced Logger Rescue (8 hours)	Washington	• COST IS FREE. PRE-REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY. REQUEST REGISTRATION FROM PA STATE FIRE ACADEMY AT: gbimle@pa.gov or (717) 247-3752 BY 09/23. ADDITIONAL \$20 FOR PA SFI CE CREDITS.	
11/04/17	Sat	8:00 AM	Advanced Logger Rescue (8 hours)	Roulette		
11/05/17	Sun	8:00 AM	Advanced Logger Rescue (8 hours)	Clarendon		
11/07/17	Tues	12:00 PM	Outdoor Survival Skills for Timber Harvesters (4 hours)	Laughlintown	\$ 50.00	10/31/2017

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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://sfiopa.blogspot.com>

Visit www.sfiopa.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@sfiopa.org



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2017 Fall 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.sfiopa.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.

- **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.
- **ESM Dirt and Gravel Roads (8 hours)** - A comprehensive one-day course focusing on innovative and effective practices to reduce maintenance costs and sediment pollution from unpaved roads. This course will highlight new dirt, gravel, and Low-volume road maintenance stream crossing policy and assessment tools for crossings.
- **Estimating Standing Timber (8 hours)** - This course helps to avoid those errors in volume estimates that can spell disaster when the harvest is conducted. The tools and correct methods for measuring and estimating volume (how many board feet or tons of wood) trees contain prior to harvest is thoroughly covered. Instruction is also given for basic sampling techniques. This training involves both classroom and field exercises.
- **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.
- **Outdoor Survival Skills for Timber Harvesters (4 hours)** - This course covers various aspects of dealing with outdoor survival situations. A major emphasis is placed on being prepared for unexpected emergencies and preventing hypothermia. Items to have with you, compass and map skills, and shelter/fire building techniques are among the many aspects discussed in detail. Hands on experience is provided to all participants in compass/map and fire building exercises.
- **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.
- **Regenerating Hardwood Forests (8 hours)** - This workshop will focus on the challenges surrounding the successful establishment of desirable forest regeneration. Under many circumstances, establishing desirable regeneration is not easy. This workshop will teach you about competing and invasive plants, deer impact, and proper harvesting methods to successfully establishing desirable forest regeneration.
- **Sustainable Timber Harvesting (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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