



Pennsylvania Sustainable Forestry Initiative® Implementation Committee

Professional Timber Harvester Training Program

2018 Spring 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
03/28/18	Wed 8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Spring Grove (York County)	\$ 85.00	03/21/2018
04/02/18	Mon 7:30 AM	Game of Logging – Level 1 (8 hours)	Laughlintown (Westmoreland Cty)	\$ 95.00	03/26/2018
04/04/18	Wed 8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Laughlintown (Westmoreland Cty)	\$ 85.00	03/28/2018
04/05/18	Thurs 7:30 AM	Game of Logging – Level 1 (8 hours)	Brickerville (Lancaster County)	\$ 95.00	03/29/2018
04/11/18	Wed 8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Laurelton (Union County)	\$ 85.00	04/04/2018
04/11/18	Wed 9:00 AM	Basic First Aid and Adult CPR (4 hours)	Smethport (McKean County)	\$ 50.00	04/04/2018
04/17/18	Tues 7:30 AM	Game of Logging – Level 1 (8 hours)	Penfield (Clearfield County)	\$ 95.00	04/10/2018
04/18/18	Wed 8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Penfield Clearfield County)	\$ 85.00	04/11/2018
04/20/18	Fri 7:30 AM	Game of Logging – Level 1 (8 hours)	Howard (Centre County)	\$ 95.00	04/13/2018
04/30/18	Mon 7:30 AM	Game of Logging – Level 1 (8 hours)	Hills Grove (Sullivan County)	\$ 95.00	04/23/2018
05/02/18	Wed 8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Smethport (McKean County)	\$ 85.00	04/25/2018
05/08/18	Tues 7:30 AM	Game of Logging – Level 1 (8 hours)	Tidioute (Warren County)	\$ 95.00	05/01/2018
05/16/18	Wed 8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Swiftwater (Monroe County)	\$ 85.00	05/09/2018
05/22/18	Tues 7:30 AM	Game of Logging – Level 1 (8 hours)	James Creek (Huntingdon County)	\$ 95.00	05/15/2018
05/23/18	Wed 8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Huntingdon (Huntingdon County)	\$ 85.00	05/16/2018

- ✦ 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

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03/29/18	Thurs 10:00 AM	Pennsylvania Wildlife (4 hours)	Howard (Center County)	\$ 30.00	03/22/2018
04/03/18	Tues 2:00 PM	50 th Annual Loggers & Saw Millers Safety Meeting (4 hours)	Johnsonburg (Elk County)	\$ 20.00	03/27/2018
04/10/18	Tues 8:00 AM	Estimating Standing Timber (8 hours)	Marienville (Forest County)	\$ 50.00	04/03/2018
04/10/18	Tues 8:00 AM	Forest Health Update (4 hours)	McConnellsburg (Fulton County)	\$ 30.00	04/03/2018
04/19/18	Thurs 8:00 AM	Erosion and Sedimentation Control in our Forests (4 hours)	Brookville (Jefferson County)	• COST IS \$10/PERSON. REGISTER WITH JEFFERSON COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT BY April 12 (814-849-7463). ADDITIONAL \$20 FOR PA SFI CE CREDITS.	
04/20/18	Fri 8:00 AM	Business Management for Timber Harvesters (8 hours)	Honesdale (Wayne County)	\$ 30.00	04/13/2018
04/24/18	Tues 8:00 AM	Erosion Control in Our Forests (8 hours)	Emporium (Cameron County)	• COST IS \$15/PERSON. REGISTER WITH CAMERON COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT BY April 17 (814-486-2244). ADDITIONAL \$20 FOR PA SFI CE CREDITS.	
04/24/18	Tues 7:30 AM	Game of Logging – Level 2 (8 hours)	Blain (Perry County)	\$ 95.00	04/17/2018
04/25/18	Wed 7:30 AM	Game of Logging – Level 3 (8 hours)	Blain (Perry County)	\$ 95.00	04/18/2018
04/26/18	Thurs 8:00 AM	GPS for Timber Harvesters (8 hours)	Laporte (Sullivan County)	\$ 50.00	04/19/2018
05/10/18	Thurs 7:30 AM	Game of Logging – Level 2 (8 hours)	Bigler (Clearfield County)	\$ 95.00	05/03/2018
05/11/18	Fri 7:30 AM	Game of Logging – Level 3 (8 hours)	Bigler (Clearfield County)	\$ 95.00	05/04/2018
05/12/18	Sat 8:00 AM	Hydraulics System Safety & Maintenance (8 hours)	Montgomery (Lycoming County)	\$ 75.00	05/05/2018
05/20/18	Sun 8:00 AM	Advanced Logger Rescue (8 hours)	Smethport (McKean County)	• COST IS FREE. PRE-REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY. REQUEST REGISTRATION FROM PA STATE FIRE ACADEMY AT: gbimle@pa.gov or (717) 247-3752 BY 04/15. ADDITIONAL \$20 FOR PA SFI CE CREDITS.	
05/21/18	Mon 12:00 PM	PA Species of Greatest Conservation Need (8 hours)	Laughlintown (Westmoreland Cty)	\$ 30.00	05/14/2018
06/06/18	Wed 8:00 AM	Sustainable Timber Harvesting (8 hours)	Galeton (Potter County)	\$ 30.00	05/30/2018
06/30/18	Sat 8:00 AM	Hydraulics System Safety & Maintenance (8 hours)	York (York County)	\$ 75.00	06/23/2018

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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. Outside credits are subject to all Pennsylvania SFI Professional Timber Harvester Training Program Policy requirements. 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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2018 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.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:
Class location and additional information will be sent to you when we receive your registration and payment				

2018 COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

CORE TRAINING:

Required to receive a PA SFI® Professional Timber Harvester Training Card. All 3 requirements must be completed in any order 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.

- **50th Annual Loggers and Saw Millers Spring Safety Meeting (4 hours)** - Come be part of the oldest logging safety meeting in the United States! Bruce Vincent, nationally recognized speaker and author, 3rd generation Montana Logger, and Montana Timberman of the Year, will be presenting "How NOT to be the Career of last Choice." The meeting, which includes a free dinner, will include a number of additional safety speakers and 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.
- **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. **Note that the class on 04/19 in Jefferson County is only a 4 hour update version.**
- **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.
- **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. There will also be information related to the Spotted Lanternfly as well. Topics will be presented by experts from Penn State Extension and the PA Bureau of Forestry
- **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.
- **GPS for Timber Harvesters (8 hours)** - Participants learn the fundamentals of the Global Positioning System (GPS) and its application to forest management. This course teaches how an inexpensive, recreational GPS unit and a personal computer can be used to determine tract acreage and boundary length, skid trail/haul road layout, distance and grade, mapping special features, and navigating tracts in unfamiliar areas.
- **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.
- **Pennsylvania Wildlife (8 hours)** - a comprehensive four hour course on common wild birds and mammals found in Pennsylvania with a specific emphasis on the habitat needs of white-tailed deer, black bears and wild turkeys. Included will be segments on identifying wildlife foods, tracks, other sign and calls. The legacy of Pennsylvania's premier wildlife artist, the late Ned Smith, will also be covered.
- **PA Wildlife Species of Greatest Conservation Need (4 hours)** - A comprehensive course on wildlife species 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 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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