



# Pennsylvania Sustainable Forestry Initiative® Implementation Committee

## Professional Timber Harvester Training Program

### 2018 Fall Training Schedule

**SAVE TIME, REGISTER ONLINE AT: [www.sfiopa.org/register](http://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](http://www.sfiopa.org/requirements).

- *Basic First Aid & Adult CPR does NOT qualify for continuing education credit*
- *Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials and/or Game of Logging – Level 1 can be taken for CE Credit, if you have not already taken the training in the last 5 years*

Course Date	Time	Course Name (Course Descriptions on Registration form)	Location	Cost ❖	Register By
09/18/18	Tues 8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Mercer (Mercer County)	\$ 85.00	09/11/2018
10/04/18	Thurs 8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Laporte (Sullivan County)	\$ 85.00	09/27/2018
10/05/18	Fri 7:30 AM	Game of Logging – Level 1 (8 hours)	Franklin (Venango County)	\$ 95.00	09/28/2018
10/16/18	Tues 7:30 AM	Game of Logging – Level 1 (8 hours)	Penfield (Clearfield County)	\$ 95.00	10/09/2018
10/17/18	Wed 8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Penfield (Clearfield County)	\$ 85.00	10/10/2018
10/25/18	Thurs 7:30 AM	Game of Logging – Level 1 (8 hours)	Wellsboro (Tioga County)	\$ 95.00	10/18/2018
10/30/18	Fri 7:30 AM	Game of Logging – Level 1 (8 hours)	Lewisburg (Union County)	\$ 95.00	10/23/2018
10/31/18	Wed 8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Reading (Berks County)	\$ 85.00	10/24/2018
11/05/18	Mon 8:00 AM	Basic First Aid and Adult CPR (4 hours)	Johnsonburg (Elk County)	\$ 90.00	10/29/2018
11/13/18	Tues 7:30 AM	Game of Logging – Level 1 (8 hours)	James Creek (Huntingdon County)	\$ 95.00	11/06/2018
11/14/18	Wed 8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Huntingdon (Huntingdon County)	\$ 85.00	11/07/2018

- ❖ 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

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](http://www.sfiopa.org/requirements).

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10/01/18	Mon 8:00 AM	GPS for Timber Harvesters (8 hours)	Dauphin (Dauphin County)	\$ 30.00	09/24/2018
10/08/18	Mon 7:30 AM	Game of Logging – Level 2 (8 hours)	Tidioute (Warren County)	\$ 95.00	10/01/2018
10/09/18	Tues 7:30 AM	Game of Logging – Level 3 (8 hours)	Tidioute (Warren County)	\$ 95.00	10/02/2018
10/11/18	Thurs 8:00 AM	Sustainable Timber Harvesting (8 hours)	Galeton (Potter County)	\$ 30.00	10/04/2018
10/23/18	Tues 8:00 AM	Responsible Logging for Clean Water (8 hours)	McConnellsburg (Fulton County)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COST IS FREE. REGISTER WITH THE FULTON COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT (717-485-3547, ext 4). ADDITIONAL \$20 FOR PA SFI CE CREDITS. CREDIT APPLICATIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE CLASS.</li> </ul>
10/26/18	Fri 8:00 AM	Business Management for Timber Harvesters (8 hours)	Brookville (Jefferson County)	\$ 20.00	10/19/2018
11/01/18	Thurs 7:30 AM	Game of Logging – Level 2 (8 hours)	Laurelton (Union County)	\$ 95.00	10/25/2018
11/02/18	Fri 7:30 AM	Game of Logging – Level 3 (8 hours)	Laurelton (Union County)	\$ 95.00	10/26/2018
11/07/18	Wed 8:00 AM	Forest Health Update (4 hours)	Laporte (Sullivan County)	\$ 30.00	10/31/2018
11/10/18	Sat 8:00 AM	Hydraulics System Safety & Maintenance (8 hours)	Montgomery (Lycoming County)	\$ 75.00	11/03/2018
11/15/18	Thurs 12:00 PM	Boundary Lines, Maps & Deeds (4 hours)	Penfield (Clearfield County)	\$ 40.00	11/08/2018
11/15/18	Thurs 7:30 AM	Game of Logging – Level 2 (8 hours)	Smithfield (Fayette County)	\$ 95.00	11/08/2018
11/16/18	Fri 12:00 PM	Boundary Lines, Maps & Deeds (4 hours)	Dalton (Lackawanna County)	\$ 40.00	11/09/2018

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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](http://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](mailto:mark@sfiopa.org)

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### 2018 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](http://www.sfiopa.org/requirements) or contact the PA SIC® office.

ATTENDEE	COURSE DATE	COURSE NAME	COURSE LOCATION	COST
<b>(Please Print Clearly / One Course Participant Per Form)</b>				
<b>Name: (Full First, Middle Initial, Last)</b>				
<b>Home Mailing Address:</b>				
<b>Home or Cell Phone: (      ) _____ - _____</b>				
<b>Email:</b>				
<b>Occupation (circle one):</b> • Forester      • Logger-owner • Logger-employee      • Landowner      • Office personnel • Truck driver      • Other _____			<b>Make checks payable to: "Pennsylvania SIC"</b> <b>Mail to:</b> PA SFI Implementation Committee 748 Gravel Point Road Howard, PA 16841	
			<b>Total Amount Enclosed:</b>	
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. If you have not taken Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials within the last five (5) years, you can attend the class 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.**

- **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.
- **Responsible Logging for Clean Water (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.
- **Boundary Lines, Maps & Deeds (4 hours)** - This course covers the fundamentals of researching deeds, locating and marking boundary lines on the ground using a map and compass and GPS technology, and how to make maps using conventional paper methods, freeware such as Google Earth, and other mapping software.
- **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.
- **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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