SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY INITIATIVE PENNSYLVANIA
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Pennsylvania Sustainable Forestry Initiative® Implementation Committee

Professional Timber Harvester Training Program

2026 Fall Training Schedule

➢ To register, please visit: www.sfiofpa.org/register, or submit the registration form on the back of this page.

CORE

➢ *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 completed the training in the last 5 years*

Course Date	Time	Course Name (Course Descriptions on Registration form)	Location	Cost ✦	Register By
09/09/26 Wed	7:00 AM	Basic First Aid and Adult CPR (4 hours)	Rebersburg (Centre County)	$75.00	09/02/2026
09/09/26 Wed	11:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Rebersburg (Centre County)	$150.00	09/02/2026
09/10/26 Thurs	7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 1 (8 hours)	Rebersburg (Centre County)	$150.00	09/03/2026
10/05/26 Mon	7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 1 (8 hours)	Penfield (Clearfield County)	$150.00	09/28/2026
10/07/26 Wed	8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Penfield (Clearfield County)	$150.00	09/30/2026
10/29/26 Thurs	7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 1 (8 hours)	Honey Brook (Chester County)	$150.00	10/22/2026
11/06/26 Fri	7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 1 (8 hours)	Cambridge Springs (Crawford Co.)	$150.00	10/30/2026
11/12/26 Thurs	8:00 AM	Basic First Aid and Adult CPR (4 hours)	Johnsonburg (Elk County)	$50.00	11/05/2026

✦ Any employed resident of Pennsylvania is eligible to apply for up to 50% reimbursement of their training registration fees through the AgConnect program. For more information visit: https://bit.ly/4iPaPUE
✦ Employees insured through Eastern Alliance Insurance Group can have the registration fee for Game of Logging classes paid by WJ Cox Insurance. Please submit proof of insurance with your reg. form.
✦ Northern Tier Hardwood Association Members can apply for a 50% reimbursement of registration costs after completing courses. Contact NTHA at (570) 265-7753.
✦ Allegheny Hardwood Utilization Group (AHUG) has generously subsidized the registration fee for Basic First Aid and Adult CPR training.

CONTINUING EDUCATION TRAINING

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

Course Date	Time	Course Name (Course Descriptions on Registration form)	Location	Cost ✦	Register By
09/11/26 Wed	7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 2 (8 hours)	Rebersburg (Centre County)	$150.00	09/04/2026
10/05/26 Wed	10:00 AM	Vegetation Management (4 hours)	Kane (McKean County)	$50.00	09/28/2026
10/09/26 Thurs	7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 2 (8 hours)	Penfield (Clearfield County)	$150.00	10/02/2026
10/13/26 Mon	12:00 PM	Bats and Timber Management (4 hours)	Hanover (York County)	$50.00	10/06/2026
10/14/26 Wed	7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 3 (8 hours)	Penfield (Clearfield County)	$150.00	10/07/2026
10/15/26 Thurs	10:00 AM	Wildland Fire Prevention & Response for PA Loggers (4 hours)	Dalton (Lackawanna County)	$50.00	10/08/2026
10/16/26 Fri	7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 4 (8 hours)	Penfield (Clearfield County)	$150.00	10/09/2026
10/16/26 Thurs	8:00 AM	Pennsylvania's Timber Rattlesnakes (4 hours)	Brookville (Jefferson County)	$50.00	10/09/2026
10/19/26 Sat	10:00 AM	Wildland Fire Prevention & Response for PA Loggers (4 hrs)	Greensburg (Westmoreland County)	$50.00	10/12/2026
10/26/26 Fri	10:00 AM	Wildland Fire Prevention & Response for PA Loggers (4 hrs)	Wellsboro (Tioga County)	$50.00	10/19/2026
10/29/26 Mon	10:00 AM	Wildland Fire Prevention & Response for PA Loggers (4 hrs)	Mercer (Mercer County)	$50.00	10/22/2026
10/30/26 Fri	7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 2 (8 hours)	Honey Brook (Chester County)	$150.00	10/23/2026
11/02/26 Tues	7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Storm Damage Cleanup (8 hours)	Hillsgrove (Sullivan County)	$150.00	10/26/2026
11/06/26 Wed	12:00 PM	Pennsylvania Wildlife (4 hours)	Reading (Berks County)	$50.00	10/30/2026
11/09/26 Thurs	7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 2 (8 hours)	Blain (Perry County)	$150.00	11/02/2026

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- Additional Continuing Education Courses are likely to be added to the schedule for this spring. Please check the website (www.sfiofpa.org/register) or call Mark at 814-230-2866 for updates.

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 (See section 6.7 of PA SFI Training Program Policy). Outside credits are subject to all Pennsylvania SFI Professional Timber Harvester Training Program Policy requirements. To submit a Non-PA SFI training course 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. Note that a separate $20 fee is required for each course submitted. 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

SELF-PACED/ASYNCHRONOUS ONLINE LOGGER TRAINING COURSES

➢ Self-paced/Asynchronous online courses give training participants the flexibility to complete training when it is most convenient for them. The user is in control of what they learn, when they learn it, and where they learn it.
➢ Several self-directed training courses for loggers have been approved for continuing education (CE) credit in the Pennsylvania SFI Professional Timber Harvester Training Program.
➢ These online continuing education classes require a high-speed internet connection, and a computer or smart phone with functioning speakers.

➢ PROFESSIONAL TIMBER HARVESTING ESSENTIALS IS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

To learn more and participate in approved online logger training courses go to: https://sfiofpa.org/loggers/virtual-logger-training/

2026 Fall Course Registration Form

- THIS TRAINING SCHEDULE MAY CHANGE AT ANY TIME WITHOUT ADVANCED NOTIFICATION. For current training offerings please visit: www.sfiofpa.org/register
- 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 (mark@sfiofpa.org / 814-230-2866)

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			

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

CORE TRAINING:

Required to be recognized as an SFI Qualified Logging Professional. All 3 core training courses must be completed (in any order) within a 2 year period. Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials and/or Game of Logging Level 1 can be taken for CE Credit, IF you have not already completed the training in the last 5 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. **CAN NOW BE COMPLETED ONLINE.**
- **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.
- **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). Course duration varies by instructor. 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 validation 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.

- **Bats and Timber Management (4 hours)** - Bats have been a hot topic in forest management lately, but why? What is this white nose syndrome all about? Learn about Pennsylvania bat species, their habitat requirements, and regulations that protect certain ones. Find out how white nose syndrome is destroying bat populations and what loggers can do to help.
- **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 is a review of previous levels with participants practicing skills at working speed. Storm Damage provides tips on how to safely handle the dangerous pressures and tensions associated with blown-down and storm damage timber (Prerequisite Levels 1 and 2). Game of Logging training is conducted in the field.
- **Pennsylvania's Timber Rattlesnakes (4 hours)** - Chances are if you have spent any time in Penn's Woods you have come across a Timber Rattlesnake. Most loggers probably wish they never saw another Timber Rattlesnake in their life, but actually, this snake needs the help of Pennsylvania's logging workforce in order to stay off the endangered species list. Habitat destruction as well as poaching threatens the future of Pennsylvania's Timber Rattlesnake Population. Find out what you can do to help.
- **Pennsylvania Wildlife (4 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.
- **Vegetation Management (4 hours)** - This course will address the control of invasive vegetation. It will cover species identification and the application and timing of proper control treatments.
- **Wildland Fire Prevention & Response for PA Loggers (4 hours)** - Wildfires in Pennsylvania represent a threat to safety, forest resources, logging capital, and human infrastructure. While logging operations are not frequently a major source of wildfire in our state, fires do occur on timber harvesting job sites and have the potential to expand into larger fire incidents. Participants attending this class will learn wildland fire prevention with proper machine maintenance and job site BMPs to prevent loss from fire. We will discuss weather and other signs to watch out for during increased fire danger months. What to do if a wildfire does occur on your job site, who should you report it to, what to report, fire containment and control measures with hand tools and heavy equipment on site, and how to work with first responders.

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