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**Enabling Pennsylvania communities to thrive through a successful forest products industry.**

**Hello,**

Welcome to Forest 411, our newsletter dedicated to keeping you informed about the Pennsylvania SFI Implementation Committee and promoting sustainable forestry in Pennsylvania. Stay tuned for more valuable insights and information!

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**Fall Training Schedule is now open!**



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

2024 Fall Training Schedule					
<p>➤ To register, please visit: <a href="http://www.sfiopa.org/register">www.sfiopa.org/register</a>, or submit the registration form on the back of this page.</p>					
<p><b>CORE</b>            ➤ <i>Basic First Aid &amp; Adult CPR does NOT qualify for continuing education credit</i>            ➤ <i>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</i></p>					
Course Date	Time	Course Name (Course Descriptions on Registration form)	Location	Cost +	Register By
09/18/24	Wed 8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Dallas (Luzerne County)	\$ 100.00	09/11/2024
09/23/24	Mon 8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Wellsboro (Tioga County)	\$ 100.00	09/16/2024
09/24/24	Tues 7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 1 (8 hours)	Wellsboro (Tioga County)	\$ 100.00	09/17/2024
09/30/24	Mon 8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Franklin (Venango County)	\$ 100.00	09/23/2024
10/09/24	Wed 8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Laurelton (Union County)	\$ 100.00	10/02/2024
10/11/24	Fri 7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 1 (8 hours)	Laurelton (Union County)	\$ 100.00	10/04/2024
10/15/24	Tues 7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 1 (8 hours)	Penfield (Clearfield County)	\$ 100.00	10/08/2024
10/21/24	Mon 8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Penfield (Clearfield County)	\$ 100.00	10/14/2024
10/28/24	Mon 7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 1 (8 hours)	Honey Brook (Chestor County)	\$ 100.00	10/21/2024
11/01/24	Fri 8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Elverson (Chestor County)	\$ 100.00	10/25/2024
11/04/24	Mon 9:00 AM	First Aid/CPR (4 hours)	Johnsburg (Elk County)	\$ 50.00	10/28/2024
11/08/24	Fri 8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Greensburg (Westmoreland County)	\$ 100.00	11/01/2024
11/12/24	Tues 8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Blain (Perry County)	\$ 100.00	11/05/2024
11/13/24	Wed 9:00 AM	First Aid/CPR (4 hours)	Blain (Perry County)	\$ 50.00	11/06/2024
11/15/24	Fri 7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 1 (8 hours)	McConnellsburg (Bedford County)	\$ 100.00	11/08/2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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: <a href="https://bit.ly/3TieToM">https://bit.ly/3TieToM</a></li> <li>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.</li> <li>Northern Tier Hardwood Association Members can apply for a 50% reimbursement of registration costs after completing courses. Contact NTHA at (570) 265-7753.</li> <li>Allgehey Hardwood Utilization Group (AHUG) has generously subsidized the registration fee for Basic First Aid and Adult CPR training.</li> </ul>					
<p><b>CONTINUING EDUCATION TRAINING</b>            ➤ 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: <a href="http://www.sfiopa.org/requirements">www.sfiopa.org/requirements</a></p>					
Course Date	Time	Course Name (Course Descriptions on Registration form)	Location	Cost +	Register By
09/27/24	Fri 7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 2 (8 hours)	Titusville (Crawford County)	\$ 100.00	09/20/2024
10/02/24	Wed 7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Storm Damage (8 hours)	Tidioute (Warren County)	\$ 100.00	09/25/2024
10/16/24	Wed 7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 2 (8 hours)	Penfield (Clearfield County)	\$ 100.00	10/09/2024
10/17/24	Thurs 7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 3 (8 hours)	Penfield (Clearfield County)	\$ 100.00	10/10/2024
10/17/24	Thurs 8:00 AM	Erosion Control in Our Forests (8 hours)	Mt Jewett (McKean County)	\$ 15.00	10/10/2024
10/18/24	Fri 7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 4 (8 hours)	Penfield (Clearfield County)	\$ 100.00	10/11/2024
10/21/24	Mon 12:00 PM	Pennsylvania Wildlife (4 hours)	Dushore (Sullivan County)	\$ 50.00	10/14/2024
10/22/24	Tues 8:00 AM	The Relationship Between Lumber, Tree, and Log Grades (8 hours)	Spring Glen (Schuylkill County)	\$ 100.00	10/15/2024
10/23/24	Wed 9:00 AM	Wildland Fire Prevention & Response for PA Loggers (4 hours)	Indiana (Indiana County)	\$ 50.00	10/16/2024
10/24/24	Thurs 12:00 PM	PA Species of Greatest Conservation Need (4 hours)	Gaileton (Potter County)	\$ 50.00	10/17/2024
10/29/24	Tues 10:00 AM	Intro to Reptiles & Amphibians & Their Habitats Within PA (4 hrs)	Clarion (Clarion County)	\$ 50.00	10/22/2024
10/29/24	Tues 7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 2 (8 hours)	Honey Brook (Chestor County)	\$ 100.00	10/22/2024
10/30/24	Wed 7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 3 (8 hours)	Honey Brook (Chestor County)	\$ 100.00	10/23/2024
10/30/24	Wed 12:00 PM	Bounty Lines, Maps & Deeds (4 hours)	Hollidaysburg (Blair County)	\$ 50.00	10/23/2024
10/31/24	Thurs 7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 4 (8 hours)	Honey Brook (Chestor County)	\$ 100.00	10/24/2024
10/31/24	Thurs 8:00 AM	Sustainable Timber Harvesting (8 hours)	Rock Springs (Centre County)	\$ 100.00	10/24/2024
11/06/24	Wed 9:00 AM	Wildland Fire Prevention & Response for Loggers (4 hours)	Pottsville (Schuylkill County)	\$ 50.00	10/30/2024
11/13/24	Wed 9:00 AM	Wildland Fire Prevention & Response for Loggers (4 hours)	Howard (Centre County)	\$ 50.00	11/06/2024
11/14/24	Thurs 12:00 PM	Pennsylvania Wildlife (4 hours)	Fayetteville (Franklin County)	\$ 100.00	11/07/2024
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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 (see section 5.7 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://sfiopa.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.

To learn more and participate in approved online logger training courses go to: [https://sfiopa.org/loggers/virtual\\_logger\\_training/](https://sfiopa.org/loggers/virtual_logger_training/)

Check out our fall training block now! Become a Qualified Logging Professional in Pennsylvania or earn continuing education credits to maintain your qualification. This is the perfect opportunity for you.

**Register for Training**

**Loggers - Get money back on training fees!!**

- Are you aware of an agricultural training reimbursement program from **AgConnect**? This can help offset the cost

of training for eligible employers/trainees with a reimbursement of up to 50% of the course cost. Logger training courses offered through the Pennsylvania SIC qualifies for reimbursement under this program.



Read how to get 50%  
back!!!

Apply for  
Savings

## MONTH IN REVIEW

### PA SIC displays at the 2024 Ag. Progress Days.



The collaboration between the Pennsylvania SFI Implementation Committee and the Pennsylvania Forest Products Association at this year's Ag Progress Days exemplifies the power of community engagement in fostering sustainable forestry practices. Over the course of three inspiring days, our dedicated staff

engaged with attendees, sharing insights into the vital work we do and the profound impact sustainable forestry has on both our environment and the livelihoods of all Pennsylvanians. The excitement generated by our new LEGO® John Deere grapple skidder display was palpable, drawing crowds and sparking conversations about innovative forestry techniques. After the show on Tuesday, the Pennsylvania Forestry Association held its annual trivial contest for friends and partners and PA SIC staff member Doty McDowell and his teammates took the highest score. Go Branch Managers! We invite you to delve deeper into our initiatives and discover how you too can contribute to the vital movement of sustainable forestry in Pennsylvania, ensuring a thriving ecosystem for generations to come.





Thanks  
**PENNSYLVANIA FORESTRY ASSOCIATION**  
*for hosting!*

# DO YOU KNOW PENN'S WOODS?

**TRIVIA CONTEST WINNING TEAM:**

*Comprised of:*

- \* Allegheny Hardwood Utilization Group
- \* Penn State Extension
- \* PA Sustainable Forestry Initiative Implementation Committee
- \* Keystone Wood Products Association

**TEAM BRANCH MANAGERS**



Doty McDowell, Director of Outreach and Development, proudly presented a specially donated bat from **BWP Bats** to **Horizon Wood Products** of Kersey, the winners of the 2024 "Step up to the Plate" drawing. This exciting recognition not only awarded them a magnificent bat but also included 15 coveted tickets and access to a luxury suite at PNC Park for a game on Sunday July 21st between the Pirates and Phillies. We are very thankful for the generous support provided by Trick Shot Sustainable Products and BWP Bats which made this promotional contest possible. We are also thankful for each of the SFI Certified Organizations and SIC Partners and Supports, like Horizon Wood Products, that generously support the Pennsylvania SFI Implementation Committee's efforts to champion sustainable forestry across Pennsylvania. We invite all forest products industry stakeholders to bolster our efforts by becoming an SIC Partner or SIC Supporter. Please contact Doty McDowell ([doty@sfiopa.org](mailto:doty@sfiopa.org) / 814-512-8678) for more information.



**This drawing is made possible by the folks at Trick Shot Sustainable**



**BWP**

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## Upcoming Events



# 2024 Sporting Clays Benefit

Supporting "Log - a - Load for Kids" and PA Children's Hospitals

Friday - October 4<sup>th</sup> - Shenecoy Sportsmen Club

**Where:** Shenecoy Sportsmen - 5776 Shenecoy Road - McConnellstown, PA 16660

**Schedule:**  
1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Registration and safety meeting  
1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Shoot - 100 rounds - 15 stations  
4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Closing "ceremony", dinner, drinks, awards, door prizes



**Registration Fee:** \$ 80 per shooter - Advance registration (until - Sept 20<sup>th</sup>)  
\$100 per shooter - Full registration (after - Sept 20<sup>th</sup>)  
\$ 50 per youth shooter - 15 and younger

**Sponsorships:**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Cherry** - (\$1,000) - Primary event sponsor, Includes 4 Shooter Registrations  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Red Oak** - (\$500) - Includes 2 Shooter Registrations  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Sugar Maple** - (\$250) - Includes 1 Shooter Registration  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Hickory** - (\$100) - Includes shooting station sponsorship

- One round consists of 100 shots at a variety of targets. Any shotgun .410 to 12 gauge may be used. Shot size limited to 7 ½ or 8.
- Open to the general public and shooters of all ages and capabilities. NEW SHOOTERS are welcomed and encouraged to attend, no experience necessary. Assistance available for first time sporting clays shooters and those interested in general instruction.

Name	Phone	Email Address	Registration / Sponsor Fee
Total payment due:			\$

To register please complete this form and email or mail accordingly:

- **Online:** <https://paforestry.org/events/2023/log-a-load-for-kids-sporting-clays-shoot>
- **EMAIL** registrations to : [thepfa@paforestry.org](mailto:thepfa@paforestry.org)

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_  
Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ CVC# \_\_\_\_\_

- **MAIL** registrations & payment to: **Pennsylvania Forestry Association** - PO Box 208 - Spring Mills, PA 16875
- **Notes:** Cancellations by September 20<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> full refund. Due to food, beverage, and sporting clay course guarantees no refunds for cancellations after September 20<sup>th</sup> or for "no shows". Log A Load For Kids is a 501c3 charitable organization and your contributions to this event can be considered a donation to a charitable organization for income tax purposes.

**Questions?** Call Celesta Powell - 800-835-8065 or Matt Sampson 570-439-0334



# SAVE THE DATE

OCTOBER 29, 2024

## AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY CAMP DEMO DAY



SCI ROCKVIEW  
1 ROCKVIEW PLACE  
BELLEFONTE, PA 16823



**FREE TOUR/DEMO FOR EMPLOYERS TO  
LEARN THE PROGRAMS AND HANDS-ON  
TRAINING INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS  
ARE RECEIVING TO PREPARE FOR  
CAREERS IN AGRICULTURE AND  
FORESTRY**

TO OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION OR RESERVE YOUR SPOT,  
EMAIL DORENDA HAMARLUND: [DHAMARLUND@PA.GOV](mailto:DHAMARLUND@PA.GOV)



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## INDUSTRY HIGHLIGHT

Our monthly newsletter will showcase our SFI-Certified Organizations, and esteemed SIC Partners and Supporters who's support of the SIC are making a positive impact on Pennsylvania's forests. This month we are highlighting The Lyme Timber Company

Founded in 1976, The Lyme Timber Company is a private timberland investment management company that

focuses on forest-related investments in the US and Canada.



The Company's current portfolio includes approximately 1.3 million acres of third party certified working forest in New York, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Tennessee, Alabama, Michigan, and Wisconsin. Lyme is a leader in land conservation, sustainable forest management, and ecosystem services, having conserved over 800,000 acres of working forest over the past 20 years and developed business lines in forest management services, wetland mitigation banking, and carbon sequestration. Alongside its conservation and forestry strategies, the Company seeks to improve job quality, safety, and competitiveness in the forest products supply chain through investments in locally-managed sawmills, logging businesses, and log distribution yards.

Lyme seeks to combine its conservation strategies with operational performance to generate attractive income yields from sustainable timber harvesting. The Company raises capital in pooled private equity funds in which it co-invests and serves as the general partner. Lyme also offers timberland investment management for separate individual accounts.

The Lyme Timber Company has been an SFI Certified Organization in Pennsylvania for the past 11 years.

[Visit The Lyme Timber Company's Website](#)

SFI-certified organizations are crucial to the success of the SFI program. These entities have pledged to uphold the SFI Standards and have received third-party certification from independent auditors confirming their compliance. SFI-certified organizations prioritize sustainable forest management and fiber sourcing practices, which include maintaining forest productivity and health, protecting water quality, preserving biological diversity, and safeguarding special sites. They also provide training and education for employees, contractors, and harvesting professionals, support research efforts, and promote sustainable forestry through landowner outreach and community involvement. In addition to implementing these practices on forestland they manage, SFI-certified organizations also advocate for sustainable forestry practices on other lands.

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[Who We Are](#)

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