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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!

Fall Training Schedule is now open!



Pennsylvania Sustainable Forestry Initiative

Implementation Committee

Professional Timber Harvester Training Program

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Course Labe	Time	Course Name (Course Descriptions on Registration form)	Location		Cost +	Register By
9/18/24 Wed	8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Dallas (Luzerne County)	\$	100.00	09/11/2024
9/23/24 Mon	8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Wellsboro (Tioga County)	\$	100.00	09/16/2024
9/24/24 Tues	7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Lovel 1 (8 hours)	Wellsbore (Tioge County)	\$	100.00	09/17/2024
9/30/24 Mon	8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Franklin (Venango County)	\$	100.00	09/23/2024
0/09/24 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
0/15/24 Tues	7:30 AM 8:00 AM	Game of Logging - Level 1 (8 hours)	Penfield (Clearfield County) Penfield (Clearfield County)	5	100.00	10/08/2024
0/21/24 Mon 0/28/24 Mon	7:30 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Honey Brook (Chester County)	\$	100.00	10/14/2024 10/21/2024
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1/04/24 Mon	MA DO:8	First Aid/CPR (4 hours)	Johnsonburg (Elk County)	3	50.00	10/28/2024
1/08/24 Fri	8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Greensburg (Westmoreland County)	3	100.00	11/01/2024
1/12/24 Tues	8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Blain (Perry County)	5	100.00	11/05/2024
1/13/24 Wed	9:00 AM	First Aid/CPR (4 hours)	Blain (Perry County)	5	50.00	11/06/2024
1/15/24 Fri	7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 1 (8 hours)	McConnellsburg (Bedford County)	5	100.00	11/08/2024
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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.



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@sfiofpa.org / 814-512-8678) for more information.



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

Products and BWP Bats.





Upcoming Events



2024 Sporting Clays Benefit

Supporting "Log – a – Load for Kids" and PA Children's Hospitals Friday – October 4th - Shenecoy Sportsmen Club

Where: Shene	coy Sportsmen - 5776 Shenecoy Road - McConnellstown, PA 16660
<u>Schedule</u> :	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 20th) \$100 per shooter – Full registration (after – Sept 20th) \$ 50 per youth shooter – 15 and younger
<u>Sponsorships</u> :	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

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- 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: <u>https://paforestry.org/events/2023/log-a-load-for-kids-sporting-clays-shoot</u>
- EMAIL registrations to : <u>thepfa@paforestry.org</u>

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- MAIL registrations & payment to: Pennsylvania Forestry Association PO Box 208 Spring Mills, PA 16875
- Notes: Cancellations by September 20th 1st full refund. Due to food, beverage, and sporting clay course guarantees no
 refunds for cancellations after September 20th 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

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TO OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION OR RESERVE YOUR SPOT, EMAIL DORENDA HAMARLUND: 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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