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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!

Fall Training Schedule is now open!



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

2024 Fall Training Schedule

➤ To register, please visit: www.sfiopa.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
09/18/24	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)	Johrnsburg (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

- 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/3Tie7nM>
- 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.sfiopa.org/requirements

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)	Galeton (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/

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.

While training is geared towards professional loggers, courses are open to anyone with an interest in the subject matter. Landowners, foresters, and other resource professionals are all welcome to participate in any of our training.

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!!!](#)

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The PA SFI Implementation Committee forms first ever business partnership

We are extremely excited to announce our first ever business partnership. We have partnered with WorkLink Staffing, a family-owned staffing agency with locations in Ebensburg and Latrobe, PA. For 25 years they have provided staffing solutions for their clients across Pennsylvania. WorkLink Staffing has qualified professionals, who are experts in the recruitment process, that personalize the efforts to each individual client. Their mission is simple, to link the right candidates for their client's needs. WorkLink Staffing can provide Temporary, Temporary-to-Hire or Direct Placement employees and provide employees staffing solutions for Light Industrial, Clerical and Professional positions. In a time where your focus is needed to move your business forward, they can help by taking care of your staffing issues one link at a time.



This exciting new partnership between the Pennsylvania SFI Implementation Committee (SIC) and WorkLink provides an exceptional opportunity for our valued financial sporters to seek high quality staffing services while gaining access to recruiting tools and exclusively discounted rates that could save you more than \$360 per employee! The Pennsylvania SIC understands the complexities of navigating today's labor market, and recognizes the important role that workforce development plays in supporting sustainable forest management. Let the seasoned experts at WorkLink guide you through these challenges, ensuring that you not only find the right employees but also cultivate a workforce that thrives.

Scan the QR Code or click on the link below to get started!

[Place your job order here!!](#)



MONTH IN REVIEW

PA SFI Implementation Committee attends final Penn/York Meeting of 2024

On Monday, September 9th, the Penn-York Lumbermen's Club convened for their final meeting of 2024 co-hosted by Forcey Lumber Company, Inc. and Walker Lumber, Inc. Over 90 dedicated attendees came together following a day filled with camaraderie on the golf course and sporting clays. The evening culminated in a presentation by Amy Shields, the Executive Director of the Allegheny Hardwood Utilization Group and Treasurer of the Real American Hardwood Coalition, who shared the remarkable successes of the Coalition.



PA SFI Implementation Committee sponsors and attends PFPA's annual Executive Development Workshop



On Tuesday, September 10th, nearly 100 dedicated industry members gathered for the PFPA / Horizon Farm Credit Forest Products Executive Development Workshop, a testament to the vibrant spirit of collaboration within our forestry community. The event featured four esteemed presenters who shared invaluable insights on a

diverse array of topics, including the current state of the economy and what lies ahead, effective business communications, cutting-edge advancements in logging equipment technology, and essential leadership training in project management. This workshop not only provided a platform for professional development but also fostered connections among participants, reinforcing our collective commitment to responsible forestry

practices. As we look to the future, the optimism surrounding the forestry industry is palpable, and we are excited to empower stakeholders through continuous education and engagement.

Upcoming Events

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**

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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 Georgia-Pacific

From the time they were founded in 1927, Georgia-Pacific has never stopped growing. They started in a single building in Augusta, Georgia, and now have more than 150 Georgia-Pacific locations around the world.

Through all the ups and downs of the past century, they have kept one eye on tomorrow, watching for opportunities to grow with customers and expand into new industries and markets.



Georgia-Pacific

Whether you're at home or on the go, Georgia-Pacific provides packaging and goods to support your daily routine. Their household names include Quilted Northern bath tissue, Brawny paper towels, Dixie cups and more. They make the pulp for diapers and the corrugated boxes they arrive in, while also operating one of the largest recycling businesses. And at large do-it-yourself warehouse retailers, Georgia-Pacific building materials are available for your next construction project.

Georgia Pacific has been an SFI Certified Organization in Pennsylvania for the past 11 years.

[Visit Georgia Pacific'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.

[Who We Are](#)





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