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Pennsylvania Sustainable Forestry Initiative® Implementation Committee (SIC)

NEWS

Project Learning Tree and Sustainable Forestry Initiative Join Forces to Expand Youth Environmental Education Programs

The Sustainable Forestry Initiative Inc. (SFI) and the American Forest Foundation (AFF) announced in July that SFI has become the new home of Project Learning Tree (PLT). PLT is an award-winning environmental education program that uses trees and forests as windows on the world to increase youth understanding of the environment and actions they can take to conserve it.

PLT's integration into SFI provides an opportunity for the program to expand its reach and impact. And SFI's role as a sustainability leader will be bolstered by PLT's expertise in education, an increasing focus in SFI's community engagement work. PLT was previously housed at the American Forest Foundation.

"SFI has enthusiastically supported Project Learning Tree for years. Formally making PLT part of the SFI Program offers an exciting opportunity to strengthen SFI's growing youth education efforts and to build on PLT's enormous success. We begin this relationship from a position of strength given SFI's role as a leading sustainability organization focused on responsible forestry, conservation and community engagement" said Kathy Abusow, President and CEO of SFI Inc. "We have big plans for the future and are committed to continuing PLT's work as a high-quality education program. Ultimately, we would like to be able to say that every teacher across North America and beyond recognizes Project Learning Tree as an invaluable resource for professional development, environmental education curriculum, and taking children outdoors to learn."

"For more than four decades, Project Learning Tree has taught countless students how to think, without telling them what to think. It is the unbiased education that educators demand," said Tom Martin, President and CEO of the American Forest Foundation. "The AFF Board approved the transfer of PLT as well as funding to help ensure the program is maintained for the next five years. We believe this will enable SFI to focus its energy on mechanisms to strengthen and expand the reach of PLT."

PLT's network includes state government agencies, forestry associations, non-profits, colleges and universities that deliver PLT programming across the U.S., British Columbia, Mexico, Japan, Brazil, and Uruguay. SFI's youth network is made up of more than 20 organizations including Boy Scouts of America, Scouts Canada, Earth Rangers, Forest Ontario's Forestry Connects Program, Envirothon, 4-H, the State University of New York's Center for Native Peoples and the Environment, and other Indigenous youth programs. This considerable network will enhance PLT's relevance as a critical element of youth education in support of future forests.

"SFI is a recognized leader in sustainability and will introduce PLT across Canada and beyond to reach even more educators and youth about the forests we share," said Gail Wallin, Co-Chair of the Canadian Council on Invasive Species and SFI Board member in the environmental chamber. "I believe both organizations will benefit through this new relationship given the common interests, expertise, and passion for the environment and education."



Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI®) Program

SFI Inc. (www.sfioprogram.org) is an independent non-profit organization that is solely responsible for the internationally recognized Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) Program. The program promotes sustainable forest management, improved forestry practices, and responsible purchasing of forest products through its forest certification standard.

SFI is the largest single forest certification standard in the world, with more than 250 million acres certified. At the heart of the SFI Program are SFI Implementation Committees (SICs). The Pennsylvania SIC is one of 34 spread across North America that responds to local needs and issues through the SFI Program at the local level. This grassroots network is unique to the SFI Program.

Since 1995, the Pennsylvania SIC's active presence on the ground has resulted in significant contributions to individual communities through activities such as training loggers and sponsoring outreach to landowners on responsible forest management.

Learn more at www.sfiopa.org

SFI® Program Participants Supporting the PA SIC

These companies participate in the SFI® Program and are certified to be in conformance with the SFI Standard. They provide direct involvement and financial support to the PA SFI® Implementation Committee (SIC).

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SFI's community engagement work includes a long commitment to youth education including previous funding for PLT through SFI Community Partnerships Grants. SFI Implementation Committees also collaborate with PLT to teach kids about trees, forests, and the natural world through hands-on activities that are STEM-focused and inquiry-based.

"Given the history of SFI's coordination with Project Learning Tree on a national scale and the shared commitment to educating youth, bringing PLT into the SFI program is a natural progression of the relationship because both organizations will be strengthened. As a member of the SFI Board of Directors, and a State Forester, I am excited about how this partnership will support educators and develop future conservation and forest leaders," said Bettina Ring, State Forester with the Virginia Department of Forestry and an SFI Board member in the social chamber.

ALIFT Program Helps Loggers

When a logger is injured on the job and unable to work they typically stop receiving pay. Most, but not all loggers, have insurance that can provide for them if they do have an injury; however, claims often take time to be processed. During that time families can struggle to pay for everyday expenses like groceries and electric bills. "

The idea with ALIFT was to get them money within a day or two of the accident" explains Jim Soltis of Tunkhannock. Soltis is a certified forester and founder of ALIFT (Assisting Loggers Immediately Fund Trust), a new nonprofit organization that has helped those impacted by logging industry accidents since 2015. The fund is not designed to replace or even supplement insurance coverage. It is simply a way to get immediate funds to the families – It's there to give the families "A LIFT!" Last year alone, ALIFT helped nine logging accident victims and their families located across Pennsylvania and they hope to grow the program to assist many more in the future.



ALIFT is primarily funded through direct contributions and fundraisers. Please consider being a part of ALIFT's first annual sporting clay tournament taking place on October 22 at Rock Mountain Sporting Clay in Springville, PA. Cost is \$150 for an individual shooter or \$525 for a team of four. Registration includes continental breakfast, 100 shells, clay shoot and lunch! There are also several sponsorship opportunities available for the event. For additional details please contact:

ALIFT
17 Lake View Drive
Tunkhannock, PA 18657
Phone: 570-836-5825

In Remembrance: Paul A. Lyskava 1965-2017

The Pennsylvania SFI Implementation Committee (SIC) expresses their sincere condolences to the family and friends of Paul Lyskava, who passed away on June 26, 2017 after a courageous 2.5-year battle with brain cancer. Paul served as a long-time member of the Pennsylvania SIC where his leadership, mission support, and faithful attendance lead to contributions far too numerous to even attempt to list.



Paul was the Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Forest Products Association, where he served tirelessly as a lobbyist and advocate for the Commonwealth's forest products industry. Prior to that, Paul was the Executive Director of the Hardwoods Development Council (1998-2002). Paul's outstanding leadership was recognized throughout the state as well as the nation. In 2015, Paul was the recipient of the prestigious Joseph T. Rothrock Conservationist of the Year Award. In addition to his significant contributions on law and government policy that impacted the industry, he also was the initiator of the PA WoodMobile program while he worked for the Council, and remained a strong supporter of the WoodMobile throughout the years.

The SIC and the Forest Products Industry in Pennsylvania are indebted to Paul for his many contributions and leadership. Our thoughts and prayers continue for his wife, Kathleen; son, Sean and his mother and father, Barbara and Frank Lyskava of Murrsville, PA.

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SIC Partners are not SFI certified, but help to promote sustainable forestry practices throughout Pennsylvania and pledge a contribution annually to the Pennsylvania SIC based on mill production from PA forest resources.

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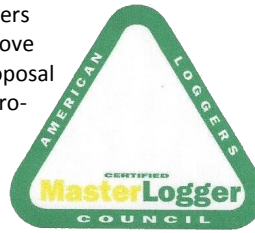
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American Loggers Council Board Approves Proposal to Strengthen ALC Master Logger Certification Program

The American Loggers Council voted to move forward with a proposal submitted by the Professional Logging Contractors of Maine and the Trust to Conserve



Northeast Forests that would help to revitalize and promote the American Loggers Council Master Logger Certification® program.

Since the program was first adopted in 2000 during the ALC's Annual meeting held in Beaumont, Texas, 18 states have approved templates for implementation of the program, with several currently implementing the program. The ALC's national Master Logger Certification® program template provides guidance for the seven areas of responsibility that meet the performance standards of the program, but allows each state participant to tailor their program based on existing state regulations and forest practices acts.

The ALC Master Logger Certification® program is a true third-party certification system that verifies on the ground harvesting and business practices that can meet chain of custody requirements found in many of today's forest certification systems. Oversight of the program is through the ALC Master Logger Certification committee with individual states and regions implementing the program tailored to their needs.

Participation in the program remains voluntary, and states will be required to determine just how they implement the program, and what costs (if any) might be incurred.

ALC's Master Logger Committee Chairman Crad Jaynes commented, "The actions taken by the ALC board to support the proposal shows continued support for the principles the ALC Master Logger Certification program was founded on. This energized marketing effort hopefully will improve the recognition of ALC Third Party Certified Master Loggers to the public and demonstrate sustainable timber harvesting is being practiced thus contributing to meeting chain of custody standards in forest certification systems. ALC's Master Logger Certification program is 'logger owned and logger run.' The ALC Master Logger Certification Committee looks forward to working in this process to have 'true' third party certified loggers further recognized for their work on the ground and in their business."

The Pennsylvania SFI Implementation Committee (PA SIC) offered a certified master logger program in the early 2000s with rigorous requirements. Only four individuals ever attained this level of recognition. Currently, the PA SIC operates the SFI Professional Timber Harvester Training Program which provides a credential verifying an individual has completed mandatory training requirements. However, the Pennsylvania SIC no longer performs on the ground auditing of participant practices and therefore does not provide third-party certification of individuals or companies. To date, the Pennsylvania SFI Implementation Committee has not been in contact with anyone at the American Loggers Council.

Join Us in Supporting "Walk In Penn's Woods"

"Walk in Penn's Woods" will be held on October 1, 2017 and will feature free mentored woods walks open to the public in each of the state's 67 counties! Each walk will showcase various values and diverse uses of our state's priceless forest resources.

You can find information about each individual event on the Walk in Penn's Woods website (below). We invite all Pennsylvanians to learn about the many ways that Penn's Woods Works for all of us on October 1st by participating in one of the mentored walks across the state.

Pennsylvania literally means Penn's Woods. A grant from King Charles II to William Penn in March 1681 established the colony; Sylvania is a Latin word that means "forest land." Penn's Woods is one of the state's prized Crown Jewels.

If you have an interest in volunteering a venue, being a mentor, demonstrating a skill, or showcasing your stewardship please contact 814-865-3208 or abm173@psu.edu.

For more information about the event:

www.walkinpennswoods.org

**JOIN US SUNDAY
OCTOBER 1, 2017**





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PA SFI Professional Timber Harvester Training Program

The Pennsylvania SFI Professional Timber Harvester Training Program is geared towards commercial timber harvesters; however, it is open to any individual interested in participating. Courses are offered in the spring (mid-March through mid-May) and the fall (mid-September through mid-November) at locations across Pennsylvania each year.

Learn more:

www.sfiopa.org/requirements

Register for classes:

www.sfiopa.org/register

Find SFI Qualified Logging Professionals or review your training records:

www.sfiopa.org/search



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NEWS

2017 Annual Forest Products Executive Development Workshop

Presented by PFFPA and Ag Choice

Tuesday, September 26, 2017
(8:15 am—4:30 pm)

Toftrees Resort
One Country Club Lane
State College, PA 16803

The Forest Products Executive Development Workshop is a unique seminar focused solely on issues affecting today's forest products industry. This workshop is designed to help business owners and managers understand the concepts and skills needed to successfully implement change within their operations. It will also benefit loggers, secondary processors, owner-operators, key managers and sales personnel. You do not need to be a member of AgChoice or PFFPA to attend!

Highlights of the 2017 workshop:

- Learning important business skills to make sure your operation is running on all cylinders,
- Understanding the impact that your business can have locally and across the forest products industry and
- Networking with leaders from across the forest products industry to develop relationships and share ideas.

Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$200. Contact Pennsylvania Forest Products Association (PFFPA), 717-901-0420. RSVP is required by September 17.

This workshop qualifies for 8 hrs (2 years) of Pennsylvania SFI continuing education credit.

Individuals seeking credit must submit completed course credit form (available at event), and a \$20 administrative fee (Check made payable to "PA SIC") to the Pennsylvania SIC office. For more details on CE credit please contact the Pennsylvania SIC office.



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Professional Timber Harvester Training Program

2017 Fall Training Schedule

SAVE TIME, REGISTER ONLINE AT: 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.

- *Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials and Basic First Aid & Adult CPR do NOT qualify for continuing education credit*
- *If you have not taken **Game of Logging - Level 1** in the last 5 years, you can attend GOL-1 for CE Credit*

Course Date	Time	Course Name (Course Descriptions on Registration form)	Location	Cost ✦	Register By	
09/19/17	Tues	8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Reading	\$ 85.00	09/12/2017
09/20/17	Wed	7:30 AM	Game of Logging – Level 1 (8 hours)	Brickerville	\$ 95.00	09/13/2017
10/03/17	Tues	7:30 AM	Game of Logging – Level 1 (8 hours)	Smethport	\$ 95.00	09/26/2017
10/04/17	Wed	8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Smethport	\$ 85.00	09/27/2017
10/11/17	Wed	8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Towanda	\$ 85.00	10/04/2017
10/12/17	Thurs	7:30 AM	Game of Logging – Level 1 (8 hours)	Wellsboro	\$ 95.00	10/05/2017
10/19/17	Thurs	8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Bloomsburg	\$ 85.00	10/12/2017
10/24/17	Tues	8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Franklin	\$ 85.00	10/17/2017
10/24/17	Tues	7:30 AM	Game of Logging – Level 1 (8 hours)	Laurelton	\$ 95.00	10/17/2017
10/25/17	Wed	7:30 AM	Game of Logging – Level 1 (8 hours)	Titusville	\$ 95.00	10/18/2017
10/31/17	Tues	7:30 AM	Game of Logging – Level 1 (8 hours)	Penfield	\$ 95.00	10/24/2017
11/01/17	Wed	8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Penfield	\$ 85.00	10/25/2017
11/08/17	Wed	8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Laughlintown	\$ 85.00	11/01/2017
11/09/17	Thurs	7:30 AM	Game of Logging – Level 1 (8 hours)	Laughlintown	\$ 95.00	11/02/2017
11/14/17	Tues	7:30 AM	Game of Logging – Level 1 (8 hours)	Alexandria	\$ 95.00	11/07/2017
11/15/17	Wed	8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Huntingdon	\$ 85.00	11/08/2017
11/15/17	Wed	9:00 AM	Basic First Aid and Adult CPR (4 hours)	Smethport	\$ 50.00	11/08/2017
11/16/17	Thurs	9:00 AM	Basic First Aid and Adult CPR (4 hours)	Smethport	\$ 50.00	11/09/2017
11/17/17	Fri	8:00 AM	Basic First Aid and Adult CPR (4 hours)	Johnsonburg	\$ 90.00	11/10/2017

- ✦ 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.

Course Date	Time	Course Name (Course Descriptions on Registration form)	Location	Cost ✦	Register By	
08/31/17	Thurs	8:00 AM	Regenerating Hardwood Forests (8 hours)	Allensville	• COST IS FREE. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. TO REGISTER CONTACT CentreExt@psu.edu or (814)355-4897 BY 08/28. ADDITIONAL \$20 FOR PA SFI CE CREDITS.	
09/15/17	Fri	9:00 AM	ESM Dirt and Gravel Roads (8 hours)	Smethport	• COST IS \$20/PERSON. REGISTER WITH McKEAN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT BY 09/15 – (814) 887-4001. ADDITIONAL \$20 FOR PA SFI CE CREDITS.	
09/29/17	Fri	8:00 AM	Advanced Logger Rescue (8 hours)	Oil City	• COST IS FREE. PRE-REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY. REQUEST REGISTRATION FROM PA STATE FIRE ACADEMY AT: gbimle@pa.gov or (717) 247-3752 BY 09/23. ADDITIONAL \$20 FOR PA SFI CE CREDITS.	
09/30/17	Sat	8:00 AM	Advanced Logger Rescue (8 hours)	Galeton		
10/01/17	Sun	8:00 AM	Advanced Logger Rescue (8 hours)	St Marys		
10/03/17	Tues	12:00 PM	Outdoor Survival Skills for Timber Harvesters (4 hours)	Spring Grove	\$ 50.00	09/26/2017
10/04/17	Wed	8:00 AM	Sustainable Timber Harvesting (8 hours)	McConnellsburg	\$ 30.00	09/27/2017
10/05/17	Thurs	12:00 PM	Pennsylvania Wildlife (4 hours)	New Millport	\$ 30.00	09/28/2017
10/10/17	Tues	7:30 AM	Game of Logging – Level 3 (8 hours)	Hillsgrove	\$ 95.00	10/03/2017
10/11/17	Wed	7:30 AM	Game of Logging – Level 4 (8 hours)	Hillsgrove	\$ 95.00	10/04/2017
10/17/17	Tues	7:30 AM	Game of Logging – Level 3 (8 hours)	Elizabethville	\$ 95.00	10/10/2017
10/17/17	Tues	8:00 AM	Business Management for Timber Harvesters (8 hours)	Honesdale	\$ 30.00	10/10/2017
10/18/17	Wed	7:30 AM	Game of Logging – Level 4 (8 hours)	Elizabethville	\$ 95.00	10/11/2017
10/23/17	Mon	12:00 PM	Outdoor Survival Skills for Timber Harvesters (4 hours)	Laurelton	\$ 50.00	10/16/2017
10/26/17	Thurs	8:30 AM	Estimating Standing Timber (8 hours)	Laporte	\$ 50.00	10/19/2017
10/27/17	Fri	12:00 PM	PA Species of Greatest Conservation Need (4 hours)	Brookville	\$ 30.00	10/20/2017
10/27/17	Fri	7:30 AM	Game of Logging – Level 2 (8 hours)	Laurelton	\$ 95.00	10/20/2017
11/01/17	Wed	7:30 AM	Game of Logging – Level 3 (8 hours)	Penfield	\$ 95.00	10/25/2017
11/02/17	Thurs	7:30 AM	Game of Logging – Level 4 (8 hours)	Penfield	\$ 95.00	10/26/2017
11/04/17	Sat	8:00 AM	Hydraulics System Safety & Maintenance (8 hours)	Montgomery	\$ 75.00	10/28/2017
11/03/17	Fri	8:00 AM	Advanced Logger Rescue (8 hours)	Washington	• COST IS FREE. PRE-REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY. REQUEST REGISTRATION FROM PA STATE FIRE ACADEMY AT: gbimle@pa.gov or (717) 247-3752 BY 09/23. ADDITIONAL \$20 FOR PA SFI CE CREDITS.	
11/04/17	Sat	8:00 AM	Advanced Logger Rescue (8 hours)	Roulette		
11/05/17	Sun	8:00 AM	Advanced Logger Rescue (8 hours)	Clarendon		
11/07/17	Tues	12:00 PM	Outdoor Survival Skills for Timber Harvesters (4 hours)	Laughlintown	\$ 50.00	10/31/2017

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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. 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 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

