



# Pennsylvania Sustainable Forestry Initiative<sup>®</sup>

## Implementation Committee

### Professional Timber Harvester Training Program

## 2025 Spring Training Schedule

➤ To register, please visit: [www.sfiopa.org/register](http://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	
03/28/25	Fri	9:00 AM	Basic First Aid and Adult CPR (4 hours)	Johnsonburg (Elk County)	\$ 50.00	03/21/2025
04/07/25	Mon	7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 1 (8 hours)	Blain (Perry County)	\$ 150.00	03/31/2025
04/14/25	Mon	8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Reading (Berks County)	\$ 150.00	04/07/2025
04/16/25	Wed	7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 1 (8 hours)	Aristes (Columbia County)	\$ 150.00	04/09/2025
05/02/25	Fri	8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Penfield (Clearfield County)	\$ 150.00	04/25/2025
05/05/25	Mon	7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 1 (8 hours)	Penfield (Clearfield County)	\$ 150.00	04/28/2025
05/12/25	Mon	8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Kane (McKean County)	\$ 150.00	05/05/2025
05/14/25	Wed	7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 1 (8 hours)	Wellsboro (Tioga County)	\$ 150.00	05/07/2025

- ◆ 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/3TinTnM>
- ◆ 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](http://www.sfiopa.org/requirements)

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03/22/25	Sat	8:00 AM	Hydraulic System Safety & Maint (8 hours)	Montgomery (Lycoming County)	\$ 150.00	03/15/2025
04/01/25	Tues	12:30 PM	56th Annual Loggers & Saw Millers Spring Safety Meeting (4 hours)	Johnsonburg (Elk County)	\$ 20.00	03/25/2025
04/23/25	Wed	8:00 AM	Non-Commercial Forestry Projects for Timber Harvesters (4 Hours)	State College (Centre County)	\$ 50.00	04/16/2025
04/24/25	Thurs	1:00 PM	Boundary Lines, Maps & Deeds (4 hours)	Montoursville (Lycoming County)	\$ 50.00	04/17/2025
04/25/25	Fri	8:00 AM	Native Plants of Pennsylvania (4 hours)	Huntingdon (Huntingdon County)	\$ 50.00	04/18/2025
04/28/25	Mon	8:00 AM	Pennsylvania Wildlife (4 hours)	Mt Wilson (Lebanon County)	\$ 50.00	04/21/2025
05/06/25	Tues	7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 2 (8 hours)	Penfield (Clearfield County)	\$ 150.00	04/29/2025
05/07/25	Wed	7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 3 (8 hours)	Penfield (Clearfield County)	\$ 150.00	04/30/2025
05/08/25	Thurs	7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 4 (8 hours)	Penfield (Clearfield County)	\$ 150.00	05/01/2025
05/09/25	Fri	8:00 AM	PA Wildlife Species of Greatest Conservation Need (4 hours)	Elverson (Chester County)	\$ 50.00	05/02/2025
05/15/25	Thurs	7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 2 (8 hours)	Wellsboro (Tioga County)	\$ 150.00	05/08/2025
06/06/25	Fri	1:00 PM	Timber Show CE Update (4 hours)	PA Furnace (Centre County)	\$ 20.00	05/30/2025

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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/>

## 2025 Spring Course Registration Form

- THIS TRAINING SCHEDULE MAY CHANGE AT ANY TIME WITHOUT ADVANCED NOTIFICATION. For current training offerings please visit: [www.sfiopa.org/register](http://www.sfiopa.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.sfiopa.org/requirements](http://www.sfiopa.org/requirements) or contact the PA SIC office ([mark@sfiopa.org](mailto:mark@sfiopa.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		Total Amount Enclosed:	
Make checks payable to: "Pennsylvania SIC" Mail to: PA SFI Implementation Committee 748 Gravel Point Road Howard, PA 16841				
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.
- **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.

- **2025 Timber Show CE Update (4 hours)** - Timber show attendees can participate in this CE Update courses being offered at the 2025 Timber Show. Walk-ups will be accepted, but registration is required ahead of time for those who wish to receive PA SFI continuing education credits. This year's training will focus on wildland fire prevention & response for loggers.
- **56th Annual Loggers and Saw Millers Spring Safety Meeting (4 hours)** - TO RECEIVE CE CREDIT PARTICIPANTS MUST ATTEND BOTH THE SFI UPDATE CLASS AND THE ANNUAL SAFETY MEETING THAT FOLLOWS. THIS WILL BE MORE THAN A 4-HOUR TIME COMMITMENT. Come be a part of the oldest logging safety meeting in the United States. Free dinner and door prizes. This year's training is focused on maintaining safe roads by maintaining stable roads. The evening meeting will feature a discussion on rattlesnakes.
- **Boundary Lines, Maps & Deeds (4 hours)** - This course covers the fundamentals of researching deeds, locating and marking boundary lines on the ground using a map and compass and GPS technology, and how to make maps using conventional paper methods, freeware such as Google Earth, and other mapping software. This training involves both classroom and field exercises.
- **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.
- **Hydraulic Systems Safety & Maintenance (8 hours)** - This hands-on course will introduce participants to the theory of hydraulic operation, nomenclature and function of associated components, safety practices, general maintenance, and diagnostic troubleshooting of hydraulic systems.
- **Native Plants of Pennsylvania (4 hours)** - Native plants have evolved naturally in a region over many years, rather than being introduced from another area. This course provides an introduction to native plants for foresters and logging professionals. It features common native plants in Pennsylvania and surrounding regions and includes in-field instruction.
- **Non-Commercial Forestry Projects for Timber Harvesters (4 hours)** - While they may not be directly profitable for the landowner, non-commercial forestry work is crucial for achieving sustainable forest management and enhancing future timber values. Public land agencies such as the Pennsylvania Game Commission (PGC) and Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (PA DCNR) have funding for non-commercial forestry practices both included in their operational budgets as well as part of project-specific grants. This course aims to provide commercial loggers with the information needed to consider adding non-commercial forestry work to their service offerings.
- **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.
- **PA Wildlife Species of Greatest Conservation Need (4 hours)** - A comprehensive course on Pennsylvania wildlife that are at risk for a variety of reasons. Causes for population declines and restoration efforts for several species will be highlighted. Up-to-date information on the status of state and federal threatened endangered species and potential impacts on timber harvesting will be included.

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