

2021 Spring Training Schedule

ONLINE TRAINING

Due to the ongoing situation with COVID-19 we are continuing to conduct most of our logger training programs online. The Pennsylvania SFI Implementation Committee is offering the following discounted online training opportunities this fall. We encourage all training participants to pursue online training as their first option.

> These online core and continuing education classes require a high-speed internet connection, and a computer or smart phone with a functioning camera, speakers, and microphone.

> To register for any the following online courses, please visit: www.sfiopa.org/register

CORE

> Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials can be taken for CE Credit, IF you have not already completed the training in the last 5 years

> Both Part 1 and Part 2 must be completed to receive credit for Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials. Participants can only register for consecutive day classes.

Course Date	Time	Course Name (Course Descriptions on Registration form)	Location	Cost	Register By
03/31/21 Wed	8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials - PART 1 (4 hours)	Online	\$ 40.00	03/19/2021
04/01/21 Thurs	8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials - PART 2 (4 hours)			
04/21/21 Wed	8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials - PART 1 (4 hours)	Online	\$ 40.00	03/26/2021
04/22/21 Thurs	8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials - PART 2 (4 hours)			
05/11/21 Tues	8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials - PART 1 (4 hours)	Online	\$ 40.00	04/16/2021
05/12/21 Wed	8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials - PART 2 (4 hours)			
05/17/21 Mon	8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials - PART 1 (4 hours)	Online	\$ 40.00	05/07/2021
05/18/21 Tues	8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials - PART 2 (4 hours)			

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
04/13/21 Tues	8:00 AM	Wildlife Young Forest Initiative (4 hours)	Online	\$ 45.00	04/06/2021
04/27/21 Tues	8:30 AM	Erosion Control in Our Forests (4 hours)	Online	\$ 20.00	04/20/2021
04/28/21 Wed	8:00 AM	Sustainable Timber Harvesting (4 hours)	Online	\$ 20.00	04/21/2021
05/14/21 Fri	12:00 PM	Wildlife Young Forest Initiative (4 hours)	Online	\$ 45.00	05/07/2021
05/20/21 Thurs	8:00 AM	A Little About Contracts for the Logging Professional (5 hours)	Online	\$ 65.00	05/13/2021

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. The courses are all free to complete, but the cost to submit credits to the Pennsylvania SFI Implementation Committee can range from \$20 to \$84 for one (1) year of CE credit.

> 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/page/online-training/>

IN-PERSON TRAINING

In-person training is reserved for those that do not have the means to participate in online training courses. In-person training options are limited in the number of participants per class and frequency of offerings so please do not register if you are able to complete online training.

IN-PERSON TRAINING PARTICIPANTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO FOLLOW ALL NECESSARY COVID19 PRECAUTIONS.

> To register for in-person courses, 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
03/31/21 Wed	8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Pine Grove (Schuylkill County)	\$ 85.00	03/24/2021
04/09/21 Fri	9:00 AM	Basic First Aid and Adult CPR (4 hours)	Johnsonburg (Elk County)	\$ 50.00	04/02/2021
04/13/21 Tues	7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 1 (8 hours)	Laughlontown (Westmoreland County)	\$ 95.00	04/06/2021
04/16/21 Fri	9:00 AM	Basic First Aid and Adult CPR (4 hours)	Emlenton (Venango County)	\$ 50.00	04/09/2021
04/21/21 Wed	8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Johnsonburg (Elk County)	\$ 85.00	04/14/2021
04/23/21 Fri	9:00 AM	Basic First Aid and Adult CPR (4 hours)	Punxsutawney (Jefferson County)	\$ 50.00	04/16/2021
05/05/21 Wed	8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Dauphin (Dauphin County)	\$ 85.00	04/28/2021
05/14/21 Fri	7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 1 (8 hours)	Laurelton (Snyder County)	\$ 95.00	05/07/2021
05/18/21 Tues	7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 1 (8 hours)	Penfield (Clearfield County)	\$ 95.00	05/11/2021
05/19/21 Wed	8:00 AM	Professional Timber Harvesting Essentials (8 hours)	Kylertown (Clearfield County)	\$ 85.00	05/12/2021
05/24/21 Mon	7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 1 (8 hours)	Brickerville (Lancaster County)	\$ 95.00	05/17/2021

* 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 50% of the registration fee for this Basic First Aid and Adult CPR training.

CONTINUING EDUCATION TRAINING

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Course Date	Time	Course Name (Course Descriptions on Registration form)	Location	Cost ❖	Register By
04/14/21 Wed	7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 2 (8 hours)	Laughlintown (Westmoreland County)	\$ 95.00	04/07/2021
04/15/21 Thurs	7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 4 (8 hours)	Laughlintown (Westmoreland County)	\$ 95.00	04/08/2021
05/06/21 Thurs	7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Level 3 (8 hours)	Titusville (Venango County)	\$ 95.00	04/29/2021
05/07/21 Fri	7:30 AM	Game of Logging - Storm Damage Cleanup (8 hours)	Titusville (Venango County)	\$ 95.00	04/30/2021
06/03/21 Thurs	2:00 PM	52 nd Annual Loggers & Saw Millers Spring Safety Meeting (4 hours)	Ridgeway (Elk County)	\$ 20.00	05/27/2021
06/04/21 Fri	1:00 PM	Timber Show CE Update (4 hours)	PA Furnace (Huntingdon County)	\$ 20.00	05/28/2021

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2021 Spring Course Registration Form (In-Person Courses Only)

- > **THIS TRAINING SCHEDULE MAY CHANGE AT ANY TIME WITHOUT ADVANCED NOTIFICATION.** For current training offerings please visit: 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.
- > **IN-PERSON TRAINING PARTICIPANTS MUST AGREE TO ADHERE TO ALL NECESSARY COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS**
- > For a full description of the Training Program Policies, please visit www.sfiopa.org/requirements or contact the PA SIC office (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		Make checks payable to: "Pennsylvania SIC" Mail to: PA SFI Implementation Committee 748 Gravel Point Road Howard, PA 16841	Total Amount Enclosed:
Class location and additional information will be sent to you when we receive your registration and payment					

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

CORE TRAINING:

Required to receive a PA SFI® Professional Timber Harvester Training Card. All 3 requirements must be completed (in any order) within 2 years. 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 card 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.

- > **2021 Timber Show (4 hours)** - This year's CE Update will focus on invasive species management and control. It will mostly be held in the field.
- > **52nd 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.
- > **A Little About Contracts for the Logging Professional (4 hours)** - Presented in partnership with NY Logger Training, this course covers important basics of good contracts for timber harvesters.
- > **Erosion Control in Our Forests (4 hours)** - This online workshop discusses Pennsylvania's environmental regulatory requirements (chapters 93, 102, & 105 of PA Code). It discusses planning before the harvest, stream crossings, best management practices, reading E&S plans, and other considerations during and after the timber harvest.
- > **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. This training is conducted in the field. Level 4 is a review of previous levels with participants practicing skills at working speed. **Storm Damage Cleanup** provides tips on how to safely handle the dangerous pressures and tensions associated with blown-down and storm damaged timber (prerequisite Levels 1 and 2).
- > **Sustainable Timber Harvesting (4 hours)** - How do you know that a timber harvest is "sustainable"? What are the consequences of high-grading and diameter limit cuts? This online course covers the elements of sustainable harvesting practices and how to assess a stand. It focuses on the forest that remains as a result of the harvest.
- > **Wildlife – Young Forest Initiative (4 hours)** - Developed through a cooperative program with the Wildlife Management Institute, this course discusses the importance of creating early successional forest conditions for the benefit of multiple wildlife species. Participants will learn and be given tools to identify and create habitat systems for the American Woodcock, Golden Winged Warbler, and other young forest dependent wildlife species important to forest landowners.

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