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End of Year CE Classes

We have a number of classes scheduled in December as an opportunity to earn additional CE credits before the end of the year. This current list of upcoming classes on the next page includes all scheduled classes and will be the last opportunity to attend classes to earn SHARP logger CE credits in 2016. If you still need additional CE credits, I encourage you to take advantage of these workshops or you can also earn CE credits by completing some of our online trainings. The mailing label for this newsletter should let you know how many more CE credits you need before your renewal date. Please take a look at your CE credits to confirm that it is correct. The CE credits listed on the label were current as of the first week in November. For the most up to date total of your CE credits, you can always check your credits online on our website. If you have any questions or are not sure if your CE credits are correct, please give us a call at 540-231-6494 or E-mail: sharplogger@vt.edu

New Online Training—Scheduled to be Available by December 1st

We have nearly completed a new online training focused on BMPs for Temporary Haul Road and Skid Trail Closeout. The Virginia Department of Forestry led the effort to produce the content for this training and we have worked to put that content into an online training format. This training discusses options available for temporary road and skid trail closeout and also includes video of water bar installation with a bulldozer as well as installation using a skidder as an option when a bulldozer is not available. We are nearly finished with the training and anticipate it will be available by December 1 so that it will be another option for those that still need additional CE credit before the end of this year. Go to the online training section of our website (www.sharplogger.vt.edu) to find this and other online trainings. When this new training is complete, we will have a total of 8 SHARP Logger online trainings for a total of 8 CE credits. Additionally there is a link to a Gypsy Moth and Emerald Ash borer training that counts for 1.5 CE credits, so a total of 9.5 CE credits can be earned online through the links on our website.

Upcoming Continuing Education (CE) classes

The number of CE credits you need is printed above your name on the mailing label. As a reminder, SHARP loggers must earn 12 CE credits every 3 years in order to maintain their current SHARP logger status. So for example if you have earned 3 credits during this 3 year period, your label will say “You need 9 More CE credits before January 1, 20XX.” If it says you need credits before 1/1/2016 then your SHARP logger status has EXPIRED and you must earn the required CE credits by the end of this year or else you would have to retake the core program to become a SHARP Logger again.

SHARP Logger Update (3 CE Credits) *This class will meet the new “SHARP Logger Update” Continuing Education requirement**

This new SHARP Logger Update class will include a BMP refresher, a logging safety refresher, and information on other relevant topics that impact logging businesses. The training will meet the new “SHARP Logger Update” Continuing Education requirement. This new requirement states that SHARP loggers must attend at least one of these required classes at some point during their 3 year renewal period. This new training requirement will be enforced starting with SHARP Loggers that renew on 1/1/2018. The SHARP Logger Update will be offered at the following locations:

Martinsville, VA. Friday, Dec. 2. 9AM—Noon *(an additional 3 CE credit Gypsy Moth and Emerald Ash Borer class is planned for this location following the SHARP Update)*

Providence Forge (New Kent Co.) Tuesday December 6th, 6-9PM

Franklin, VA. Thursday December 15th. 3-6PM

To register, contact Brooke Warrington at 540-231-6494 or e-mail: sharplogger@vt.edu

Gypsy Moth and Emerald Ash Borer Training (3 CE credits)

Martinsville, VA. Friday, Dec. 2. 1-4PM *(at the same location as the SHARP Logger Update listed above—You can register for either one (3 CE Credits), or both (6 CE Credits) of these classes)*

SHARP Logger Update (3 CE Credits) plus an additional 3 credit class TBA

Galax, VA. December 8th

Pattonsville, VA. December 15th

For additional information, or to register, contact Bill Worrell at 276-889-8056 or e-mail: bworrell@vt.edu

Area Logger Safety Days

Alberta, VA. Tuesday December 6th, 9AM—4PM (6 CE credits)

Halifax, VA. Thursday December 15th, 9AM - 4PM (6 CE credits)

This class will include multiple topics related to logging safety, OSHA requirements, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) lockout/tag out and additional safety refreshers.

To register, contact Brooke Warrington at 540-231-6494 or e-mail: sharplogger@vt.edu

If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in these activities, please contact Scott Barrett at 540-231-6494/TDD during business hours of 8a.m. and 5p.m. to discuss accommodations 5 days prior to the event. *TDD number is (800)828-1120*

Core SHARP Logger Program Schedule

The core program consists of classes on Sustainable Forestry, Logging Safety, and Harvest Planning & BMP's. Participants must attend all 3 core classes to become a SHARP Logger. For more information please get in touch with the registration contact listed for the class you would like to attend.

Location	Dates	Registration Contact
Scott Co.	2017 DATES TBA	For more info, contact Bill Worrell at the Russell County Extension Office (276) 889-8056 or E-mail: bworrell@vt.edu

Additional Core Classes will be scheduled in 2017. Please Check our website at www.SHARPllogger.vt.edu for the most up to date listing of classes.

Online Logger Training

We are currently working with the VA Department of Forestry to produce a new BMP online training. This Online training is scheduled to be available by December 1, 2016. Please check the SHARP Logger website for availability of this new training.

Online trainings currently available include:

- “Limbing and Topping Safety”
- “Forestry BMPs: Applied Research Results”
- “Protecting Water Quality with BMP’s in Virginia”
- “Laws Affecting Water Quality and Forestry Operations in VA”
- “Basic Timber Cruising”
- “How to conduct a deed search”
- “Basic Chainsaw Safety & Directional Felling”

To view the trainings, visit www.sharplogger.vt.edu and click “Online Training”. Review the instructions, then select the training you want to complete, after completion there will be instructions on how to receive CE credits.

Another online training opportunity is available by completing an online **Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)** training. This training is approved for **1.5 CE credits**, but is offered through a different organization, so if you complete this training, you must email your certificate of completion to sharplogger@vt.edu or Fax it to 540-231-3330.

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