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End of Year CE Credit Reminder

With the end of the year quickly approaching we wanted to remind you to take a look at the number of CE credits you have earned, along with your renewal date. These should be printed on the mailing label for this newsletter. If you still need to earn additional CE credits, then we have several opportunities before the end of the year. We have tried to include all upcoming trainings across the state that we know will be available this year. You will notice that for some of them, the details are still “To Be Determined”. We plan to do another newsletter once those details are finalized. Until then, if you have any questions on those classes, feel free to give us a call. Additionally, we plan to have another online training available before the end of the year.

Required “SHARP Logger Update”

As most of you will recall, beginning last year, the SHARP Logger CE requirements now require attendance at a SHARP logger update class at least once each 3 year period. These “required update” classes will be offered only as face to face trainings. This is a 3 hour long, 3 CE credit class. The remaining 9 CE credits (you need 12 total CE credits) can be earned through any combination of approved CE classes, including through online trainings. Because we phased in the new requirement, it doesn’t actually become mandatory until 1/1/2018. So if you renew on 1/1/2017 you don’t have to have the new required update class to renew at the end of this year.

TEAM Safe Trucking

I also wanted to let you know of a new group that has recently come together to focus on log and chip trucking safety. TEAM Safe Trucking includes representatives from across the forest industry including logging businesses, insurance companies, mills, associations, and others. The primary goal is to improve trucking safety for safe delivery of raw forest products including logs and chips. The group is still relatively new and just beginning its work, but you can check out their website at www.teamsafetrucking.com

I am working with this group and have a student that will be doing a research project focused on log truck accidents. As results are available from this study I will be reporting them in this newsletter and at SHARP Logger trainings as well.

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

Bedford, VA. Wednesday October 26th 1-4PM (3 CE Credits)

Martinsville, VA. Friday, Dec. 2. 9AM—Noon (3 CE Credits) *(an additional 3 CE credit class is planned for this location following the SHARP Update—Details TBA)*

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.

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

Additional classes this year with dates/details To Be Announced

Two additional CE classes are planned for December in **Galax and Pattonville** (Scott Co.) but details were not confirmed by the time this newsletter was printed. If you are interested in attending these trainings, please contact Bill Worrell for additional information at 276-889-8056 or E-mail: bworrell@vt.edu

Additionally, 2 Continuing Education (CE) classes (Required SHARP Logger Update) are planned for Eastern VA in early December. These classes are tentatively planned for the New Kent and Franklin areas. Details will be included in the next newsletter. If you have any questions, please contact Neil Clark at 757-653-2572.

We anticipate another newsletter being sent in November to confirm details on these classes listed above.

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
West Point Area Scott Co.	Oct. 21, 28, Nov. 4 2017 DATES TBA	Brooke Warrington 540-231-6494 or sharplogger@vt.edu 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 begin the process of producing a new BMP online training. We anticipate that this will be completed before the end of 2016. Additional details on this new training will be posted once it is completed.

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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