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EXPO Richmond—May 13 & 14 2016

The EXPO Richmond 2016 (www.exporichmond.com) will be at the Richmond Raceway Complex (RRC) at 600 E. Laburnum Avenue, Richmond, VA 23222 on May 13 & 14 from 8:30—5PM. This is the 35th East Coast Logging and Equipment Exposition and is one of the leading trade shows for the forest products industry. The Virginia SHARP Logger Program will have a booth at the EXPO and as in previous years, SHARP Loggers will be able to receive 3 SHARP Logger CE credits for attendance at the EXPO. **To receive SHARP Logger CE credit you MUST register, in person, at the SHARP Logger Booth.** The SHARP Logger booth is located along with the other Virginia Tech booths in the Commonwealth Building booths 20-22 and 29-31. This is different from the EXPO registration, and you must register at the SHARP logger booth (in addition to the EXPO registration) if you want to receive SHARP Logger CE credits. EXPO registration information can be found at www.exporichmond.com

Required “SHARP Logger Update” CE Class offered at EXPO

As most of you will recall, beginning last year, the SHARP Logger CE requirements now require attendance at a “face to face” SHARP logger update class at least once each 3 year period. This is a 3 hour long, 3 CE credit class. We will be offering this required class at the EXPO this year. If you attend the SHARP Logger Update Class you can earn 3 CE credits at the EXPO which would be in addition to the 3 CE credits for attending the EXPO. We are asking you to pre-register for this class if possible. Registration details are in the CE class section on the training schedule on the next page.

Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) Training Reminder—Each Crew Needs to Have a Trained SHARP Logger

We often get questions on who is required to go through SHARP Logger trainings. As most of you remember from going through the core SHARP Logger training, the SHARP Logger program does not set guidelines for who has to take the training, those guidelines come from the SFI program. With the new SFI standard, they clarified that each logging crew must include someone who has completed the SHARP Logger program (or SFI training from another state). This person can be an owner, employee, or be contracted by the wood producer and should have responsibility for the crew and be on-site regularly. Additional information on this and other SFI Standards can be found at www.sfiprogram.org

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 "Face to Face" update Continuing Education requirement**

This class will take place at the Richmond EXPO

Class times will be from 12:30-3:30PM on Friday May 13 and Saturday May 14.

*****Please Note, you can only attend 1 of these for SHARP Logger CE credit, (you CAN NOT get 6 credits by going to both of the SHARP Logger Updates)**

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 "Face to Face" update 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. **We are asking that you pre-register for this class. To register, contact Brooke Warrington at 540-231-6494 or e-mail: sharplogger@vt.edu**

Richmond EXPO (3 CE Credits)

You can earn 3 CE credits by attending the Richmond EXPO and registering at the SHARP Logger Booth.

You do not need to pre-register with the SHARP Logger program. Please make sure you drop by the SHARP Logger Booth which will be in the Virginia Tech group of displays in the Commonwealth Building, Booths 20-22 and 29-31.

If you attend the EXPO and register at the SHARP Logger booth you can earn 3 CE credits, AND if you attend the SHARP Logger update class you can earn 3 CE credits. By doing both, you can earn a total of 6 CE credits at the Richmond EXPO.

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
Galax	March 23, 30, April 7	Brooke Warrington 540-231-6494 or sharplogger@vt.edu
Orange Co.	April 1,8,15	Brooke Warrington 540-231-6494 or sharplogger@vt.edu
Keysville	April 1,8,15	Brooke Warrington 540-231-6494 or sharplogger@vt.edu
Franklin, VA	April 8,15, and 29	Brooke Warrington 540-231-6494 or sharplogger@vt.edu
Alberta	June 3, 10, 17	Brooke Warrington 540-231-6494 or sharplogger@vt.edu
West Point Area	Oct. 21, 28, Nov. 4	Brooke Warrington 540-231-6494 or sharplogger@vt.edu
Tazewell Co.	DATES TBA	For more info, contact Bill Worrell at the Russell County Extension Office (276) 889-8056 or E-mail: bworrell@vt.edu
Scott Co.	DATES TBA	For more info, contact Bill Worrell at the Russell County Extension Office (276) 889-8056 or E-mail: bworrell@vt.edu

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 hope that this will be completed by mid-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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