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## **SHARP Logger Newsletter**

SHARP = “Sustainable Harvesting And Resource Professional”

### **Don't Let your SHARP Logger Standing Expire**

SHARP Logger program requirements state that SHARP loggers must earn 12 credit hours of Continuing Education (CE) every 3 years in order to maintain current SHARP Logger standing. The number of CE Credits you have earned to date are printed above your name on your mailing label. If you do not earn the required number of CE credits by your renewal date, your SHARP logger standing will expire on that date.

### **Upcoming Opportunities For SHARP Logger CE Credits**

Virginia Department of Forestry BMP & Harvesting Notification Law Updates. The VDOF will offer training sessions throughout the state to distribute the new BMP manuals, let you know about changes to the BMP manual, and procedures for the new Harvesting Notification Law. Attendance at one of the DOF BMP update programs will count for 3 hours of SHARP Logger CE credit. The Following VDOF BMP Update programs have already been scheduled. The VDOF will send an additional mailing as more sessions are scheduled.

**VDOF BMP Update (3hrs): Campbell County** September 20, 1-4 PM at the Georgia Pacific Training Facility in Naruna. To register, contact Dan Goerlich Extension Forester (434) 476-2147.

**VDOF BMP Update (3 hrs): Franklin, VA** September 26, 6-9 PM at Paul D. Camp Community College Regional Workforce Development Center, Room 204. To register, contact Scott Barrett (540) 231-6494.

As an opportunity for SHARP Loggers who need more than 3 SHARP Logger CE credits, we have scheduled the following joint trainings with the VDOF. These trainings will allow you to get the information presented by the VDOF in their BMP update, plus earn an additional 3 hours of CE credit at the same program. The Virginia Department of Forestry BMP update will be the same program as listed above. However, following the DOF BMP update will be additional SHARP Logger training sessions. The total program will be 6 hours.

**South Hill (6 hrs) Sept. 27, 1-7 PM:** VDOF BMP Update + VDOT Logging Road Entrance Permits + Logging Business Management. R.T. Arnold Public Library Meeting Room. To register, contact Dan Goerlich (434) 476-2147

**Lynchburg (6 hrs) October 4, 1-7 PM:** VDOF BMP Update + Oil Spill Prevention & Control + Logging Safety. Central Virginia Community College, Merritt Hall Multipurpose Room. To register, contact Scott Barrett (540) 231-6494.

**Glenns (6hrs) October 11, 12-6 PM:** VDOF BMP Update + Wildlife Management & Threatened and Endangered Species-presented by Nelson Lafon, Forest Stewardship Biologist-VA Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. Rappahannock Community College Glenns Campus Lecture Hall. For more information, or to register, contact Scott Barrett (540) 231-6494.

**Farmville (6hrs) October 18, 12-6 PM:** VDOF BMP Update + VDOT Logging Road Entrance Permits + Logging Business Management. Prince Edward County Natural Resources and Agricultural Building Conference Center. To register, contact Dan Goerlich (434) 476-2147.

In addition to the Virginia Department of Forestry BMP update sessions the following SHARP Logger Continuing Education Programs have also been scheduled.

1. **Improving Timber Harvesting Efficiency (3hrs): Franklin, VA September 25, 6-9PM.** Paul D. Camp Community College Regional Workforce Development Center, Room 204. Presented by Bob Shaffer, Timber Harvesting Extension Specialist. To register, Contact Scott Barrett (540)231-6494.
2. **Wildlife Management + Threatened & Endangered Species (6hrs): Brunswick Co. Oct. 4, 12-6 PM** This program will be presented by staff from the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries and will be half indoor and half outdoor. Topics covered will include basic requirements of wildlife, what loggers need to know about the endangered species laws, wildlife habitat management, and how timber harvesting can benefit many species of wildlife. To register, contact Virgie Dow, Brunswick County VA Cooperative Extension (434)848-2151
3. **Chainsaw Safety (6hrs): Keysville; October 25, 9-3:30 PM.** This program will be outdoors, so be prepared for all weather conditions, and bring a hardhat. Presented by Bryan Wagner, a former logger and now a training specialist for Forestry Mutual Insurance Company. Bryan demonstrates the proper use of chainsaw safety equipment and directional felling techniques to improve safety and increase production. To register, contact Dan Goerlich (434) 476-2147.
4. **Advanced Harvest Planning (3hrs): Halifax Co., October 28, 6-9 PM.** Presented by Bob Shaffer, Timber Harvesting Extension Specialist. Topics will include using topographic maps and aerial photos for pre harvest planning; laying out roads, landings, skid trails and stream crossings; plus developing an operational strategy to maximize production. To register, contact Scott Barrett (540) 231-6494.

**Complete SHARP Logger Core Program – Martinsville, VA October 23-25**

A complete SHARP Logger Core program is scheduled for the Martinsville area. For loggers who have not completed the core program yet, this will be an opportunity to get SHARP logger status. Or these classes may also be taken for continuing education credits.

**Logging Safety (6hrs)**, October 23 12-6 PM; **Sustainable Forestry (6hrs)** October 24 12-6 PM;  
**Harvest Planning & BMP's (6hrs)** Oct. 25, 12-6 PM. To register contact Scott Barrett (540) 231-6494.

These and other classes can be found on our website at [www.SHARPllogger.vt.edu](http://www.SHARPllogger.vt.edu) If you have any questions please feel free to call me at (540) 231-6494 or e-mail sbarrett@vt.edu.

Sincerely,



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