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SHARP Logger Newsletter

SHARP = "Sustainable Harvesting And Resource Professional"

Upcoming SHARP Logger programs in 2004

As we work on putting together our schedule of programs for 2004, I wanted to take this opportunity to let you know where SHARP Logger classes have been scheduled so far. If you have already completed the SHARP Logger core program, the number of Continuing Education (CE) credits you have earned during the current 3 year cycle and your renewal date are printed in the corner of the mailing label side of this letter. If you will need additional CE credits you can check out the listing of scheduled CE programs to see which one you may want to attend.

Remember that you must earn a total of 12 CE credits every 3 years and your CE credits go back to zero when you renew at the end of the 3 year period. More CE classes will be scheduled throughout the state later in the year but please take advantage of these opportunities for classes that have already been scheduled. As more classes are scheduled in your area, we will notify you by mail, or you can also check our website at www.SHARPllogger.vt.edu

We also wanted to let you know that, at the request of the Virginia Loggers Association, we will be offering CE credits for attending the Richmond Logging Expo in June. Details on the number of CE credits available and how to receive them at the expo will be announced later.

If you have not yet completed the SHARP Logger program, but would like to become a SHARP Logger this year, we have scheduled 4 complete core programs as an opportunity for you to become a SHARP Logger. The core program consists of classes on Sustainable Forestry, Logging Safety, and Harvest Planning/BMP's and you must attend all 3 classes to become a SHARP Logger.

Scheduled Core SHARP Logger Programs – (must attend all 3 core classes to become a SHARP Logger)

The following Core SHARP Logger Programs are an opportunity for individuals to become a SHARP Logger if they have not completed the core program, or have to retake the core program to become a SHARP Logger again.

Emporia – Sustainable Forestry February 27, Logging Safety March 5, and Harvest Planning/BMP's March 12.

Lynchburg– Sustainable Forestry May 21, Logging Safety May 28, and Harvest Planning/BMP's June 11.

Chesterfield Area– Core classes are planned for July or August – Exact dates to be announced later.

For more information on Emporia, Lynchburg, or Chesterfield classes, contact Scott Barrett at (540) 231-6494 or e-mail to sharplogger@vt.edu

Norton Area-Sustainable Forestry March 30 & April 3, Harvest Planning/BMP's April 3, Logging Safety April 6 and April 8. For more info on the Norton class contact Jim Willis – VCE Russell Co. office (276) 889-8056.

Chainsaw safety CE Program schedule for 2004 (6 CE Credits)

These programs will be held entirely in the field, so be prepared for all weather conditions, and bring a hardhat. This program is presented by Bryan Wagner, a former logger and now a training specialist for Forestry Mutual Insurance Company. Bryan demonstrates the proper use of personal protective equipment, directional felling techniques, and other tips to improve safety and increase production.

Covington – April 29. For more information contact Roger Timbrook at MeadWestvaco (540) 969-5290

Campbell Co. – September 29. For more info. contact Dan Goerlich – VCE Halifax Office (434) 476-2147

Nelson Co.– September 30. For more Info. contact Adam Downing – VCE Madison Office (540) 948-6881

West Point Area – October 28. For more information contact Scott Barrett (540) 231-6494

Franklin, VA Area – October 29. For more information contact Scott Barrett (540) 231-6494

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Additional CE Programs already scheduled for 2004

BMP Field Demo – Lovington, VA (7CE Credits) March 27, 8-4 PM For more information of to register, Contact VDOF region 3 office at (434) 977-5193 or contact Eddie Embry at 434-263-4232.

Negotiating Skills/ Spill Control / G1 & G2 species - Fredericksburg, VA (6 CE Credits) April 2, 1-7PM.
For more information or to register, contact Adam Downing VCE Madison Office (540) 948-6881

Timber Bridge Installation Demo - Montgomery Co. (3 CE Credits) VA Tech Kentland Farm. May 26 1-4 PM,
For more info contact Bill Worrell at NRV Highlands RC&D (276) 228-2879 or Scott Barrett (540) 231-6494

Truck Safety – Gate City (3 CE Credits) March 12, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. Includes Operation Lifesaver, Flagger certification, and entrance permits with Highway Dept. For more info contact Jim Willis (276) 889-8056

Logger/landowner Field Day - Stuart (6 CE Credits) Saturday, March 27, 9 a.m-3:30 p.m., Skidder safety, log grading, applied BMPs, and forest management. For more info contact Jim Willis (276) 889-8056

Second Monday Forestry Series – Bland (2 CE Credits) Monday, April 12, 7-9 p.m., Growing quality hardwood, improving wildlife habitat. For more information or to register, contact Jim Willis (276) 889-8056

Fourth Monday Forestry Series - Abingdon (2 CE Credits) Monday, April 26, 7-9 p.m. Growing quality hardwood, improving wildlife habitat. For more info or to register, contact Jim Willis (276) 889-8056

Logger/Landowner Field Day – Wise County (6 CE Credits) Saturday, May 1, 9-3:30, Wise Co. Program details have not been finalized. For more information or to register, contact Jim Willis (276) 889-8056

As always, if you have any questions about your SHARP Logger standing, or want to find out more about the SHARP Logger program feel free to call me at (540) 231-6494 or e-mail to sharplogger@vt.edu

Sincerely,

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If you need to update your address or take your name off our mailing list, please call Scott Barrett (540)231-6494 or e-mail sharplogger.vt.edu

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