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SHARP Logger Newsletter

SHARP = “Sustainable Harvesting And Resource Professional”

Super Safety Site

For those of you with access to a computer and the internet, check out WWW.LOGGINGSAFETY.COM. Maintained by the Forest Resources Association’s Southwide Logging Safety Committee, this website contains a wealth of free logging safety materials and information. Loggers can download (and print) safety alerts (real-life logging accident summaries); loss control overviews (1-page “how to” safety topics); technical releases (innovative logging safety practices); and FRA’s complete *Timber Harvesting Safety Manual* (“the” comprehensive logging safety guide). The site also includes links to various sources of logging safety information, as well as a link to OSHA’s logging safety website. As you know, OSHA regulations require all loggers to provide and document periodic safety training for their employees. LOGGINGSAFETY.COM is a great source of quality materials for your “in-house” safety training programs – check it out, and see if you don’t agree! Bob Shaffer

Opportunities to earn SHARP Logger CE credits before the end of 2004

Many SHARP Loggers will still need additional CE credits before the end of this year. The number of CE credits you have earned to date are printed on the envelope that this letter came in. Beginning on the back of this letter, there is a reminder about the CE requirements and a listing of the classes that have been planned for the remainder of 2004. It is possible that there will be a few more classes added, but for most of the state, this will be all of the scheduled CE classes that remain for 2004. If you need additional CE credits before the end of this year, then you should plan to attend one or more of these scheduled classes to earn the CE credits you need.

Would you like to receive your SHARP Logger newsletters by E-mail?

Beginning with our next SHARP logger newsletter, we will be doing a trial distribution of the SHARP Logger newsletter via E-mail. Receiving your newsletter electronically will help you to receive your Newsletter faster and will help us to reduce the amount of postage used to distribute the newsletters. If you would like to begin receiving your SHARP Logger newsletter electronically, just send an E-mail to sharplogger@vt.edu with the subject line of “Subscribe to SHARP Newsletter” and you will be added to the electronic distribution list.

Remaining opportunities to become a SHARP Logger in 2004

If you know anyone that would like to become a SHARP logger, the complete 3 part core program has been scheduled for Blackstone and Fredericksburg areas. Details are at the bottom of the list of scheduled programs.

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

SHARP Logger CE Requirements

As a reminder, to maintain your current SHARP Logger standing, you must earn 12 CE credits every 3 years. At the end of your 3 year period, on your renewal date, if you have earned 12 or more CE credits, you will renew for 3 more years, your CE credits will go back to zero and you will have 3 more years to earn another 12 CE credits. CE credits do not “carry over” if you have earned more than 12 CE credits.

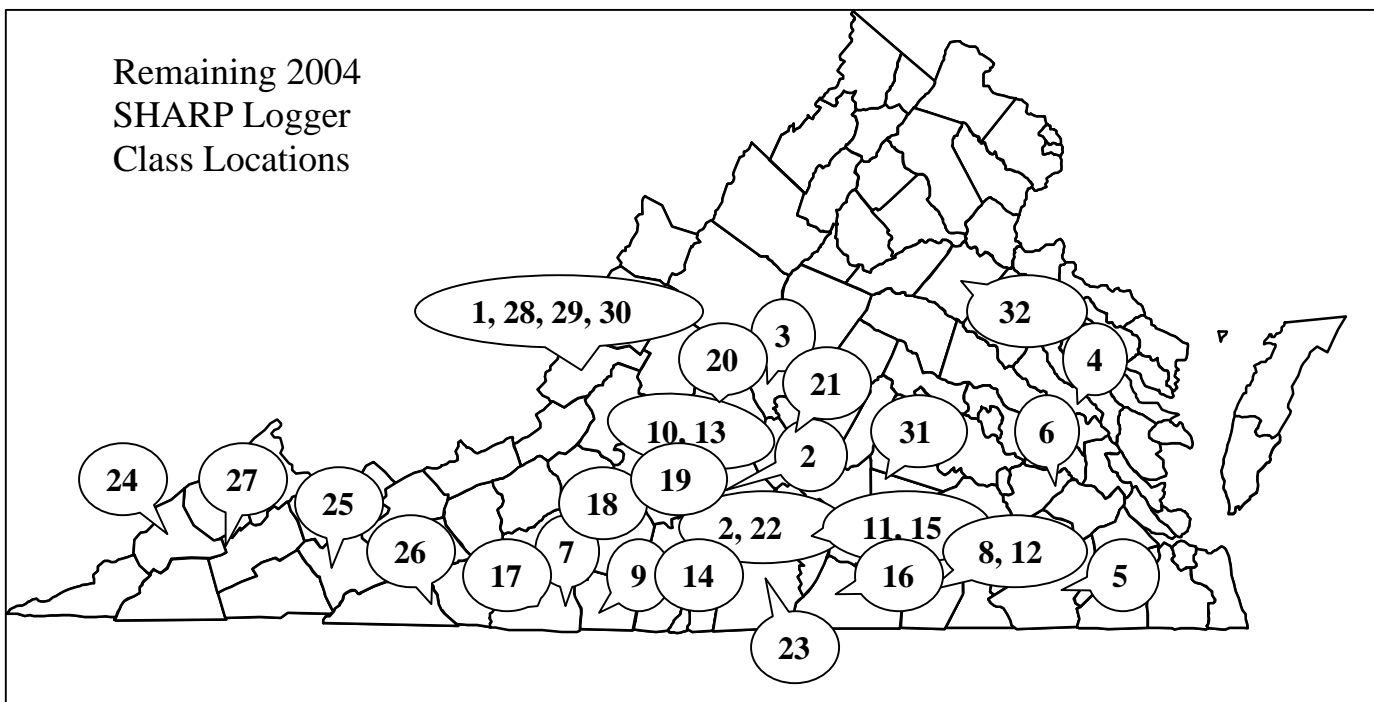
If you have not earned 12 CE credits by your renewal date, you will be dropped from the current SHARP Logger listing and will not be a SHARP Logger as of that date. However, you will be given 1 year to regain your current SHARP Logger standing by simply bringing your total CE credits up to 12. If you still have not earned a total of 12 CE credits by the end of the 1 year “grace period” you will have to go through the entire core program if you want to become a SHARP Logger again.

These are all of the scheduled SHARP Logger classes for 2004, if you need additional CE credits before the end of the year, you should plan to attend one or more of these classes to earn the CE credits you need.

Some of the class Dates and times are still To Be Announced, but to allow you an opportunity to plan and figure out where you will go to earn the CE credits you need, we included them in the list anyways. As the dates are confirmed, they will be posted on our website www.SHARPllogger.vt.edu and loggers in that local area will be notified by mail.

The complete summary of SHARP Logger CE requirements and a form to submit for approval of CE credits for programs other than SHARP Logger programs can be downloaded from our website or you can call Scott Barrett at 540-231-6494 to receive a copy by mail.

The Map below shows the approximate locations of upcoming classes and the numbers correspond to the numbers on the class listing on the next page.



Remaining 2004 SHARP Logger Classes

Chainsaw Safety Programs (6 CE credits)

This program will be entirely in the woods and will cover directional felling, personal protective equipment, and techniques to improve safety and productivity. The instructor will be Bryan Wagner, a former logger and currently a full-time chainsaw safety instructor. This same class will be at the following locations and trees will be felled during the class, so hard hats are required.

1.) Covington – September 2, 12-6 PM.

To register, contact Roger Timbrook at MeadWestvaco at (540) 969-5290

2.) Campbell County – September 30, 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

To register, Contact the Halifax County Extension Office at (434) 476-2147

3.) Nelson County – October 1, 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

To register, contact Adam Downing at the Madison County Ext. Office (540) 948-6881

4.) West Point Area – October 28, 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

To Register, Contact Scott Barrett at 540-231-6494

5.) Franklin Area – October 29, 10:00 AM – 4:30 PM

To Register, Contact Scott Barrett at 540-231-6494

BMP Field Workshops (6 CE credits)

These programs will be held in the field and will feature demonstrations of BMP installation and discussion of appropriate uses of BMP's to protect water quality. These programs will be led by instructors from the VA Department of Forestry.

6.) Hopewell Area – October 8

To Register, Contact Scott Barrett at 540-231-6494

7.) Patrick County, Reynolds Homestead – October 22

To Register, Contact Scott Barrett at 540-231-6494

Basic Insurance for loggers (3 CE credits)

Are you interested in down-to-earth information about workers compensation insurance and truck and equipment insurance? How about legal issues regarding personnel, OSHA updates, and wage and labor laws? These are all suggestions made by loggers on program evaluation forms! Join Robbie and Nikki Robertson for a discussion on these and other insurance related issues held at the following locations.

8.) Lawrenceville (Brunswick Co. Government Building) – August 24, 6-9 PM

To register, contact the Brunswick Co. Extension Office at 434-848-2151

9.) Horse Pasture (Pine Products meeting room) – August 31, 6-9 PM

To register, contact the Henry Co. Extension Office 276-634-4650

10.) Lynchburg (CVCC) – October 14, 6-9 PM

To register, contact the Lynchburg City Extension Office at 434-455-3740

Basic Finance for Loggers (3 CE Credits)

Virginia Tech Extension Specialist Bob Shaffer will demonstrate how to use a financial calculator to make interest rate calculations, calculate equipment payments, and will discuss buying vs. leasing equipment, and the time value of money. If time allows, he can also cover how to determine whether it is time to purchase a new piece of equipment or if it's better to continue operating the old machine. Financial calculators will be available for participants to use during class.

11.) Keysville – August 26, 2-5 PM

To register, contact the Charlotte Co. Extension Office at 434-542-5884

12.) Lawrenceville – September 2, 3-6 PM

To register, contact the Brunswick Co. Extension Office at 434-848-2151

13.) Lynchburg – September 16, 3-6 PM

To register, contact the Lynchburg City Extension Office at 434-455-3740

14.) Chatham – September 23, 3-6 PM

To register, contact the Pittsylvania Co. Extension Office at 434-432-7770

Log Grading & Merchandising (6 CE credits)

Research shows that loggers leave 20% of the value in the woods by improperly cutting logs during the bucking process. Come to this class to brush up on log grading and bucking for grade. We'll grade short logs and long logs, discuss natural and felling defects, then saw the logs up and see what they look like inside. Although we will have some equipment on hand for folks to use, participants from last year's class suggest that you bring your own scale stick, measuring tape, and calculator.

15.) Keysville – October 29, 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM

To register, contact the Charlotte Co. Extension Office at 434-542-5884

Legislative Update, Transportation Regulations and BMP's (6 CE credits)

This class will include a legislative update by Jim Mooney, a review of transportation regulations and demonstration of on-site BMP installation work. Hosted by Clifton Morgan.

16.) Mecklenburg County – September 10, 9-4 PM

To register, contact the Mecklenburg Co. Ext. Office at 434-738-6191 ext. 4370 - Vickie Tackett

Improving the Image and Professionalism of logging (3 CE Credits)

17.) Stuart – November 9, 6-9 PM

For more information on this class or to register, contact Jim Willis at (276) 889-8056

Roadway Safety Programs –(3 CE credits) Participants in this class will learn about entrance permits, will obtain their flagger certification card to legally flag traffic within the VDOT right-of-way, and obtain contacts to call when questions arise. This class is taught by Lynn Wagner, VDOT's State Permit Manager. Norfolk Southern Engineer Mike Roop will wrap up with a discussion of Operation Lifesaver. This class will be held at the following locations – Dates and times will be announced later.

- 18.) Rocky Mount; 19.) Bedford; 20.) Amherst; 21.) Appomattox/ Buckingham;
22.) Campbell County; 23.) Halifax**

Logger Field Day – (6 CE credits)

24.) Wise County – Late September Saturday - Date TBA

For more information on this class, contact Jim Willis at (276) 889-8056

BMP Problems and Solutions – (3 or 4 CE credits)

25.) Saltville Area – Late October Friday Afternoon – Dates and Times TBA

26.) Galax area – Early November Friday Afternoon– Dates and Times TBA

For more information on these classes, contact Jim Willis at (276) 889-8056

Contracts and Timber Deeds – (3 CE credits)

27.) St. Paul – Early December – Dates and Times TBA

For more information on this class, contact Jim Willis at (276) 889-8056

Covington Area Classes – Dates and Times TBA

28.) Road Building Workshop – Covington Area (6 CE Credits)

29.) Log Grading Workshop – Covington Area (CE Credits TBA – will be 3 or 6)

30.) Orienteering and Map Reading – Covington Area (6 CE credits)

Complete Core Programs – For those who want to become a SHARP Logger

31.) Nottoway County – TENTATIVELY: Sustainable Forestry – September 17.

Logging Safety – Septmber 24. Harvest Planning/BMP's - October 1.

For more information contact Scott Barrett at 540-231-6494

32.) Fredericksburg Area – Sustainable Forestry – October 29. Logging Safety – November 5. Harvest Planning/BMP's – November 12.

For more info contact Adam Downing at the Madison Co. Ext. Office (540) 948-6881