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## **SHARP Logger Newsletter**

**SHARP** = “Sustainable Harvesting And Resource Professional”

The **SHARP** Logger Program has a new website: [www.SHARPllogger.vt.edu](http://www.SHARPllogger.vt.edu) If you have access to a computer, you can now go online to find out more about the **SHARP** Logger program, check on your **SHARP** Logger standing, and review upcoming **SHARP** Logger programs.

**Don't let your SHARP Logger standing expire.** **SHARP** Logger requirements state that in order to maintain your **SHARP** Logger standing, you must complete 12 hours of continuing education (CE) credit every 3 years. If you have completed the **SHARP** logger core program, the date your current **SHARP** logger standing expires and the number of Continuing Education credit hours you have earned to date are printed on the mailing label. The following **SHARP** Logger programs are currently scheduled so take advantage of these classes now. Additional classes will be scheduled later this year, but don't wait until the end of the year and run out of time to get the CE hours you need.

1. **Business Management for Loggers (3 hrs CE): St. Paul, VA.** August 27, 6:00 to 9:00 pm. at the Oxbow Center. To register, contact Jim Willis (276) 889-8056.
2. **Chainsaw Safety (6hrs.CE): Rappahannock/Culpepper County** August 27, 12:00 noon - 6:00 pm. For information on location or to register, Contact Adam Downing (540) 948-6881.
3. **Chainsaw Safety (6hrs.CE): Russell County Area:** August 29, 1:00pm to 7:00 pm. For information on location or to register, contact Jim Willis (276) 889-8056.
4. **Log and Lumber Grading Workshop for Loggers & Sawmill Workers (6hrs. CE) Castlewood, VA.:** Sept. 14, 9:00 am. - 3:30 pm. at the Appalachian Sustainable Development Council. \$5.00 registration fee. To register, contact New River Highlands Resource Conservation & Development Council (276) 228-2879.
5. **Map Reading and Advanced Harvest Planning (3hrs. CE): Lebanon, VA.** September 24, 3:00pm. to 6:00 pm. To register, contact Jim Willis (276) 889-8056
6. **Wildlife Management & Threatened & Endangered Species (6 hours CE) Albemarle County** September 27. To register, contact Adam Downing (540)948-6881.
7. **Chainsaw Safety (6 hrs. CE) Keysville Area and Franklin County Area.** Dates and locations to be announced. If you are interested, contact Dan Goerlich (804) 476-2147.
8. **Complete SHARP Logger CORE Program for Northern Virginia Area: Madison County: Registration is required; must have a minimum of 10 to hold the class.** Sustainable Forestry - December 6<sup>th</sup>; Harvest Planning & BMP's - December 13<sup>th</sup>; Logging Safety - Jan 10<sup>th</sup>. To register, contact Adam Downing (540) 948-6881

**9. Complete SHARP Logger CORE Program for Southeastern Virginia Area Chesapeake: Registration is required; must have a minimum of 10 to hold the class.**

Logging Safety - December 10 & 11, 6:00 to 9:00 pm; Harvest Planning and BMP's - December 12, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm; Sustainable Forestry - December 19<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. For more information, or to register contact Watson Lawrence at the Chesapeake Extension Office (757) 382-6348

**Upcoming VDOF programs will qualify for SHARP Logger CE Credits:** The Virginia Department of Forestry is in the process of scheduling a series of informational sessions throughout the state this fall to distribute the new BMP Manual, discuss the changes to the manual, and explain the new harvesting notification law. Attendance at one of these sessions will qualify for SHARP Logger CE Credits. Check our website, or talk to your local VDOF or industry forester to find locations near you.


**CE Credits for courses other than SHARP Logger programs:** As a reminder, Continuing Education credits can also be earned through courses other than those offered through the SHARP logger program. For example, these could include courses from a local community college that would help you to improve your business, such as a welding or computer class. In addition, up to 6 hours of CE Credits can come from approved "community service" activities that "promote and enhance the professionalism of logging and forestry", such as making a presentation about logging or forestry to a local school or civic group. For a more detailed description of the SHARP logger CE requirements, and to get the required form to be submitted for classes other than SHARP Logger sponsored classes, visit our website under "training schedules" or call Scott Barrett at (540) 231-6494.

Don't forget to check out our website at [www.SHARPllogger.vt.edu](http://www.SHARPllogger.vt.edu) As new classes are scheduled, they will be posted to the website. If you have any questions about the SHARP Logger program, call or e-mail Scott Barrett, SHARP Logger Program Coordinator, at (540) 231-6494 / [sbarrett@vt.edu](mailto:sbarrett@vt.edu).

Sincerely,



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