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Richmond EXPO May 18-19, 9AM-5 PM Richmond Raceway Complex

We have now confirmed the location for the SHARP logger booth at the Richmond EXPO. The SHARP Logger booth will be located in the section of booths with the other Virginia Tech exhibitors in the Commonwealth Building, booths 19-22 and 29-32. Look for the SHARP logger sign in that section of displays and put your name on the list to receive 3 SHARP logger CE credits. You must sign in at the SHARP logger booth to receive CE credits. You do not need to pre-register with the SHARP logger program, but to avoid the on-site registration fee, you need to register with the EXPO by April 12. You can register online for the EXPO at www.exporichmond.com

CE Credit Reminder

As a reminder, if you had a January 1, 2012 renewal date, and had earned 12 or more CE credits, then your SHARP logger status renewed for 3 more years, and your CE credits go back to zero. If your SHARP logger status expired on 1/1/2012, you will have 1 year to earn the required CE credits to regain your SHARP status. Take a look at your mailing label to make sure everything is correct for your SHARP logger credits. If you still need to earn additional CE credits before your next renewal date, please take advantage of the upcoming classes we have already scheduled in 2012. If you have any questions about your SHARP Logger status, please let me know.

Upcoming Biomass Harvesting Workshop & Chipper DEMO

The SHARP logger program is partnering with MeadWestvaco to offer a biomass harvesting workshop and chipper/grinder demo in Pittsylvania County on May 4th (additional details listed under the CE class list inside) with another workshop/demo in Craig County in April/May (additional details to be announced later). If you are interested in biomass harvesting and are thinking about producing biomass on your operation, this would be a good opportunity to see the equipment in operation and talk to others that are already producing biomass.

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Upcoming Continuing Education (CE) classes

Notice that the number of CE credits you need is printed above your name on the mailing label, this is the number of CE credits that you still need to earn before your renewal date. 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 1/1/2012 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.

Additional classes will be scheduled throughout the year and will be listed in this newsletter as well as online on the SHARP logger website at www.SHARPllogger.vt.edu

Logging Safety Awareness and OSHA Refresher: 1-4 PM (3 CE Credits) February 22, Louisa County

This class will include multiple logging safety related topics and will include discussion on recent trends in logging accidents as well as how to use the new Virginia Logger Safety Checklist Booklet to help develop a safety training program and document OSHA training requirements. For more information or to register, contact VCE Madison County office at 540-948-6881 or E-mail adowning@vt.edu

Biomass Harvesting Class and Chipper DEMO 9AM - 5 PM (6 CE credits). May 4th Pittsylvania ,Co.

This class will include a brief overview of biomass facilities planned throughout Virginia and then will include a panel of speakers including representatives from equipment manufacturers/dealers as well a panel discussion with loggers currently harvesting biomass from their logging operations. Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions related to integrating biomass harvesting into your logging operations. Afterwards there will be a chipper demo in the field at a nearby site. For more information or to register, contact Scott Barrett at 540-231-6494 or E-mail sbarrett@vt.edu

A biomass harvesting class and chipper demo similar to the class described above will also be held in Craig County in April / May. Additional details will be available soon and will be included in the next SHARP Logger newsletter.

Richmond EXPO—May 18-19, 9AM-5 PM (3 CE Credits) - Richmond, VA

The Virginia SHARP Logger Program will again have a booth at the Richmond EXPO located at the Richmond Raceway Complex in Richmond, VA. **To Receive SHARP logger CE credits you MUST SIGN IN at the SHARP logger booth (not at the registration desk).** The SHARP Logger booth will be located with the other Virginia Tech exhibitors in the Commonwealth Building Booths 19-22 and 29-32. Look for the Virginia Tech and SHARP logger logos. **You do not need to pre-register with the SHARP Logger program, but you DO NEED TO REGISTER TO ATTEND THE EXPO. Pre-registration is free, on site registration is \$10. You can register online, or by mail through cards in trade magazines.**

Additional information about the EXPO can be found at www.exporichmond.com We look forward to seeing you at the Richmond EXPO.

Core SHARP Logger Program Schedule

The following Core classes are currently scheduled for 2012. If you know of anyone who needs to complete the core program to become a SHARP logger, please pass this information along to them. The core program consists of classes on Sustainable Forestry, Logging Safety, and Harvest Planning & BMP's. Participants must attend all 3 of the 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. One or two additional classes may be scheduled later in the year if needed.

Location	Dates	Registration Contact
Pattonsville (Scott Co.)	February 16, 23, and March 1st.	VCE Russell Co. Office (276) 889-8056 or Email: bworrell@vt.edu
Patrick Co.	Tentatively scheduled for April 5, 12, and 19.	VCE Russell Co. Office (276)889-8056 or Email: bworrell@vt.edu
Lynchburg	September 7, 14, and 21	VCE Halifax Co. Office (434)476-2147 or Email: bworrell@vt.edu

Online Logger Training

The number of Continuing Education (CE) classes offered online continues to grow and we are glad that this new training option is helpful for many of you. So far the comments are very positive, most people are finding it easy to complete the trainings and many loggers have added comments that they would like to see us offer more online training. If you have ideas for an online training that you would like to see us offer, please E-mail me at sbarrett@vt.edu or give me a call at 540-231-6494.

Online trainings available so far include:

- “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”

In the near future, these trainings will also be available through the VA LEAF (**Links to Education About Forestry**) website. Instructions and a link will be available from the SHARP Logger website once the VA LEAF online training site is available.

To view the currently available trainings, visit www.sharplogger.vt.edu and click on “Online Training”. You will need to review the instructions, then simply click on the training you would like to view. At the end of the training there will be instructions on how to submit for CE credits.

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VFA & VLA Membership Reminder

Membership in the Virginia Forestry Association (VFA) or the Virginia Loggers Association (VLA) can count for 1 CE credit per 3 year SHARP Logger renewal period. If you are a member of both organizations you could earn a total of 2 CE credits per 3 year period. .

The Virginia Forestry Association

The VFA is dedicated to “Promoting stewardship and wise use of the Commonwealth’s forest resources for the economic and environmental benefits of all Virginians.”

Additional information as well as membership applications can be found at

www.veforestry.org

Or by calling 804-278-8733



The Virginia Loggers Association

The VLA is “Dedicated to education, training and promoting a better understanding of the Forest Products Industry to the Commonwealth of Virginia.”

Additional information can be found at:

www.valoggers.org

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