

Logger Training Dates Set

The IHLA Forestry Council has announced dates for the next logging training courses. Training will be held at Jackson-Washington State Forest March 18 – 20, 2015. The classroom portion will be held at the Starve Hollow Nature Center and the field portion will be on Jackson-Washington State Forest.

Phase I Professional Timber Cutter Training and BMP Training are required to be completed before a logging crew is allowed to work on state forest harvests. The instructor is Joe Glenn, who trained under international logging expert Soren Erikson, founder of the Game of Logging. Safety is a priority and proper cutting techniques are taught. Duane McCoy with IN. Division of Forestry will teach the BMP Class.

Courses will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. The schedule for the week is as follows:

Wednesday, March 18 BMP

This training course is conducted as a half day in the classroom learning the Indiana BMP Field Guide and the BMP program as a whole. The afternoon is spent in the field monitoring a harvest site, unless the weather keeps us from this practical. In order to complete the training you must attend both portions of the class and retain the knowledge to the satisfaction of the instructors. This class is designed as an introductory course to carrying out forest management and maintaining water quality in Indiana. Other states have Forestry BMPs, but their specifications may differ and they may or may not be regulated.

Thursday, March 19 Cutter I

Focuses on introducing the participant to open face felling and the development of techniques to safely use it. Topics covered include personal protective equipment, chainsaw safety features, chainsaw reactive forces, bore cutting, pre-planning the fell, and understanding hinge wood strength.

Friday, March 20 Cutter II

Focuses on maximizing chainsaw performance through basic maintenance, carburetor setting, and filing techniques. Limbing and bucking techniques are introduced, spring pole cutting is covered and more felling is practiced.

Participants are required to bring their own equipment and safety gear, including chaps, hard hats, gloves and eye and ear protection, as well as a chain saw, oil, gas and tools, a first aid kit and good work boots. Classes are \$100 per day for IHLA members and \$150 for non-members. Classes begin at 8 a.m. and conclude between 4-4:30 p.m.

To register for classes please complete the form below. If you have questions, please contact Ashley Tandy at 1-800-640-4452.

To check your training history, go to www.ihla.org, then click on the 'Forestry' button; click on "Search Logger Database" and enter your name.

Rent-a-Camp Cabins - Starve Hollow has 13 rent-a-camp cabins available March-Nov. (closed Dec.-Feb.) (NOTE: Local sales only during off season/winter months, contact property for details). Each cabin has a front porch with a swing, outside electric outlet and front porch light. Inside there are two small rooms each providing a ceiling fan with light, a heating/cooling unit and electrical outlets. The front room offers a small table with bench seats, corner shelf, chair, rocking chair, and a loft. The back room offers a bunk bed (single) and a double bed (NO LINENS or MATTRESS PROVIDED). Air mattress recommended. Reservations can be made online at Camp.IN.gov. No pets, smoking or cooking permitted in cabins. **Cost is \$35 per night plus state and local taxes.**

March Logger Training

Starve Hollow Nature Center

4345 S. County Road 275 W., Vallonia, IN 47281

(812) 358-3464

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Jackson-Washington State Forest

1278 E State Road 250, Brownstown, IN 47220

(812) 358-2160

Wednesday, March 18 BMP \$25 IHLA/\$50 non-IHLA _____

Thursday, March 19 Cutter I \$100 IHLA/\$150 non-IHLA _____

Friday, March 20 Cutter II \$100 IHLA/\$150 non-IHLA _____

Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

____ My check payable to IHLA is enclosed ____ Visa ____ MC ____ AMEX ____ Discover

Card# _____ Exp. _____

Name _____ (as it appears on Card)

PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE IHLA OFFICE BEFORE TRAINING.

No refunds if cancellations are made within 2 weeks of the training

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Questions? Call 317-875-3660