

# 2021 SFI® WORKSHOP SCHEDULE **REGISTRATION CANNOT BE TAKEN OVER THE PHONE**

Regardless of participation or completion of any training with FISTA, Wisconsin law prohibits the employment of minors in certain logging occupations (see Wisconsin DWD 270.12 (17)) and no minor may be employed as an operator or helper of an occupation that uses a chainsaw (see Wisconsin DWD 270.12(25)).

## Workshop Descriptions

### Business Management

In the past, your crew has been taking courses like Water Quality, Insects and Diseases, Invasive Species and Forest Management. We know it is important to keep trained professionals in the woods, but in today's economic climate, it's been very challenging to do so. The following courses focus on how you can ensure the stability and prosperity of your operation so that Qualified Logging Professionals can stay in the woods where they belong while applying the education they have accumulated over the years. These courses attempt to directly target SFI Objectives 9, 11, 12, 14, and 15.

**Insurance Basics:** Breakdown of frequent insurance requirements from governmental agencies to landowners, mills, and other loggers. Outline of specific relevant coverages for forest products businesses and claim examples and workflows with multiple coverages discussed.

**Forest Policy:** What happens in Madison and Washington DC doesn't really affect those of us out in the woods, right? WRONG! Learn what you can do to educate yourself on the political happenings that affect our industry.

### Forestry and Ecology

The following courses focus on impacts affecting the resources that support the forest products industry. As Qualified Logging Professionals, our responsibility is to sustainably utilize our resources for the long-term support of the industry that, in turn, supports our operations and communities. Elements of all fifteen SFI objectives are touched on in the following courses.

**Best Management Practices (BMP) for Invasive Species - (8 hour core curriculum)** Non-native, invasive species pose a profound threat to forest ecosystems and productivity. This workshop enables participants to identify the most troublesome plant and insect species, better understand the impact they can make and slow the spread of invaders. Speakers are from the WI DNR. ***This class also includes a field session. Dress accordingly.***

**Best Management Practices (BMP) for Water Quality - (8 hour core curriculum)** Covers planning, timber harvesting, forest road design and location, wetland and stream crossings, riparian management zones, and the permitting process of crossings. Speakers are from the WI DNR.

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**Silviculture and Timber Sale Marking:** Common silvicultural systems used in Wisconsin and how those systems relate to tree marking strategies used by foresters. Topics include common regeneration systems, intermediate treatments, and order of removal. Speakers are Brad Hutnik and Greg Edge of the WI DNR. ***This class also includes a field session. Dress accordingly.***

**Oak Wilt ID and Management:** Did you know that oaks can be cut during oak harvesting restricted periods due to oak wilt in certain situations? Learn how to identify oak wilt, ins and outs of the oak harvesting guidelines, and options to control oak wilt. Speakers are from the WI DNR. ***This class also includes a field session. Dress accordingly.***

**Forest Fire Safety in the Logging Industry:** This course will focus on various topics related to the cause and prevention of forest fires in Wisconsin related to the logging community. Speakers are from the WI DNR.

**Adapting to Climate Changes:** Wisconsin's climate has been changing. We're going to be living with milder winters, heavier rainfall, longer growing seasons, and other changes. What does this mean for the forests you manage and your business operations? This course will cover FAQs about climate change and common-sense approaches to risk management. Speakers are from the USFS.

**Water Quality Refresher:** This course is perfect for those who would like an update on current Water Quality procedures. Speakers are from the WI DNR. ***This class also includes a field session. Dress accordingly.***

### Logging Safety, Technology, Resource Protection and Utilization

These courses expose the Logging and Forestry professional to safety standards regarding logging equipment, trucking, chainsaw operation and record keeping. SFI Objectives 9, 10, 11, 13 and 15 are targeted in these courses.

**DOT Compliance:** Tom Senecal of GT Associates provides instruction on load securement, hours of service, drug and alcohol testing, driver qualification files, and time sheet and logbook requirements.

**Chainsaw Safety Refresher:** Covers topics such as personal Protective equipment (PPE), proper body mechanics, chainsaw maintenance, and tools to aid with safe tree felling. Instructor will demonstrate safe tree felling, limbing, bucking and topping.

**Tire Maintenance & Safety:** This workshop will Cover OSHA regulations, proper mounting procedures, zipper rupture, proper tire repair and discussion on the causes of irregular wear. Good information for truck owners, drivers, and truck maintenance personnel.

**Harvester Bar & Chain Clinic:** Clinic covers how to safely maintain your cutting systems bar, chain and sprocket to reduce chances of injury and extend the life of cutting system. Items discussed include how to repair chains, sharpening chains with handheld grinders and automatic grinders and bar maintenance including bar straightening with power straightener.

**Hydraulic Clinic:** Clinic covers how to safely make and maintain hydraulic hoses and fittings to reduce the chances of injury. Items discussed include thread identification, proper hose application, hose cutting & assembly, hose cleaning, guarding options and items to make the process safer and easier.

**First Aid and CPR:** HeartQuest instructors provide initial first aid & certification and re-certification classes; an OSHA requirement for loggers.

**Timber Cruising:** Jim Dougovito of Superior Forestry, will teach you basic cruising techniques and equipment to determine cords and/or MBF per acre. Standing tree grading will be discussed and demonstrated, as will considerations for sites with unique qualities. This workshop is designed for the producer. ***This class may also include a field session. Dress accordingly.***

**Log Scaling & Grading:** An overview of the Log Scaling & Grading Rules and their application to your produced saw logs. Instruction based on *Official Grading Rules for Northern Hardwood and Softwood Logs & Tie Cuts, updated June 15, 2016*. Adopted and published by Great Lakes Timber Professionals Association. ***This class may also include a field session. Dress accordingly.***

**CrossTrac:** CrossTrac Equipment presents training on JP Skidmore/Fabtek's CF19 & CF22 Technology and 4 roller improvement program. Dan Linsmeyer of Nicolet College will teach attendees about basic hydraulic theory, schematics, symbols, and troubleshooting.

**McCoy:** McCoy Construction & Forestry will present a wide array of information in Merrill, WI