

Spring 2012 Game of Logging Program (Chainsaw Safety) through Cornell University - ForestConnect

This program presents hands-on training with a Game of Logging Certified Instructor, re-designed for private forest owners, firewood cutters, and homeowners wishing to gain a more thorough knowledge and practical, hands-on experience with safety and productivity. No experience is required for Level I participants. Participants learn increasingly advanced techniques during Level I, II, and III for directional felling, safety, and saw and chain maintenance. Each level builds on skills from previous levels, so advanced levels require earlier levels. Participants personally fell a tree under the guidance of a certified instructor.

Level I includes: Using and maintaining safety equipment, safety features of the saw, how to hold and handle a saw safely to reduce fatigue, understanding parts of a tooth for sharpening, understanding the reactive forces of a running chainsaw. You will learn the proper way to do a bore-cut, the mechanics and physics of hinge wood, directional felling to a plan, and how to identify the lean in a tree.

Level II includes: Saw maintenance to reduce downtime and improve the performance of your chainsaw, Safe handling of spring poles, felling to a plan with more precision, introduction to limbing, and safe removal of hung trees.

Level III includes: Use of the GOL "Pro-sight" tool to calculate tree height, understanding hinge length to control side lean, advanced felling and wedging techniques, limbing techniques for side hill and tension wood, trees will be felled against the natural lean.

The following programs are offered at Cornell University's Arnot Forest, 611 County Road 13, VanEtten, NY. Directions available at: www.arnotforest.info. Attendees meet at the field campus parking lot, beyond the lodge at 7:45 AM, and conclude no earlier than 4:00 PM, often longer. Trainings are held regardless of weather, so please dress accordingly.

May 7: Game of Logging Level 1 (Monday)

May 19: Game of Logging Level 1 (Saturday)

May 8: Game of Logging Level 2 (Tuesday)

May 20: Game of Logging Level 2 (Sunday)

June 16: Game of Logging Level 3 (Saturday)

Pre-registration and pre-payment are required.

Registration fees for NYFOA/NYSMPA members are \$132 per day and non- members are \$152 per day. Register online with a credit card at: www.forestconnect.com/GOL.html or use the registration form below. Registration includes hands-on training, handouts, light refreshments, and a certificate of completion.

Registration is limited to 10 participants on a first-come, first-served basis. Minimum of 6 participants required to hold class. Overnight accommodations are available for an additional fee, contact the Arnot at: 607-589-6095.

Participants should plan to bring: lunch, water, their own chainsaw and personal protective equipment, including: hard hat, eye protection, hearing protection, and chaps.

Game of Logging Registration

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State, Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

E-mail: _____

Dates	# attending	Cost
May 7 - Level I	___ x _____	= _____
May 8 - Level II	___ x _____	= _____
May 19- Level I	___ x _____	= _____
May 20 - Level II	___ x _____	= _____
July 16 - Level III	___ x _____	= _____
		Total due: \$ _____

Make checks payable to: Cornell University

Mail registration form and check to: Game of Logging, PO Box 6741, Ithaca, NY 14851