

For Professional Loggers

Georgia “Master Timber Harvester” is a voluntary logger education program offered by The University of Georgia’s Center for Forest Business and the Georgia SFI Implementation Committee.. The program objective is to “**foster improvement in the professionalism of wood producers**”, and it satisfies the logger education suggested in the **Sustainable Forestry Initiative® Program**.

Logging business owners, crew supervisors, industry procurement foresters and land managers, consulting foresters, and timber buyers will benefit from participation in the Master Timber Harvester Program

Offered by:



Georgia
SFI Implementation Committee

In Cooperation With:

Georgia Forestry Commission
Georgia Dept. of Natural Resources
Georgia Dept. of Public Safety
Southeastern Wood Producers Assn.
Technical College System of Georgia
Georgia Forestry Association

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Georgia's

MASTER TIMBER HARVESTER Program



***A comprehensive
educational program for
today's professional
logger***

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Master Timber Harvester



The Master Timber Harvester Program consists of two (2) components:

The Master Timber Harvester **WORKSHOP**, is a two-day comprehensive introductory workshop that is required of all participants for entry into the program.

CONTINUING LOGGER EDUCATION

Is ongoing, and offers a variety of educational opportunities for professional development.

Program information is offered in three subject areas:

The Environment – Sustainable Forestry, Forest Stewardship, Wildlife & Endangered Species, Forest Soils, Georgia's BMPs to Protect Water Quality, Harvest Planning

Business Management – Public Policy & Outreach, Federal & State Employment Laws, Employee Hiring & Retention

Safety – OSHA Compliance, Transportation Safety, Loss Control

Workshop

Introductory Master Timber Harvester WORKSHOPS are scheduled four times per year at various locations across Georgia. Pre-registration is required, and registration fees cover all books and materials. Date and location information are available at: <http://ga-mth.forestry.uga.edu>

A Master Timber Harvester identification card, showing Master Timber Harvester number and expiration date is issued to each program participant.

Upon completion of the two -day introductory workshop, the "*Master Timber Harvester*" designation is effective for a period of two (2) years.

The introductory Master Timber Harvester Workshop may not be repeated for a minimum of four (4) years following expiration of the Master Timber Harvester designation. Continuing Education must be completed to reinstate an expired Master Timber Harvester designation.

Continuing Logger Education



Continuing Logger Education (CLE) is flexible and may be tailored to meet the professional development needs of the individual Master Timber Harvester.

Technical colleges, universities, professional associations, and other organizations offer seminars, workshops, and classes in a variety of locations at various times. For a quarterly listing of Continuing Logger Education (CLE) opportunities in Georgia, check our website: <http://ga-mth.forestry.uga.edu>

Renewal Requirements

The Master Timber Harvester designation may be renewed for two-year periods by completing a minimum of twelve (12) hours of approved Continuing Logger Education (CLE)

Four (4) of the twelve required hours must be courses covering material from **The Environment** subject area. The remaining eight (8) hours may be in **The Environment, Business Management, OR Safety**.

Following the completion of the required continuing education, Master Timber Harvesters must submit an Application for Renewal and the renewal fee. Renewal applications will be mailed in September of the expiration year OR are available at: <http://ga-mth.forestry.uga.edu>

Continuing education must be completed during the two-year effective period of the Master Timber Harvester designation. Hours completed in excess of the minimum required for renewal, may **not** be applied to a future renewal.



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