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Game of Logging Chain Saw Safety & Tree Felling

Training Site Requirements & Course Requirements



Training Site Requirements:

- Number of trees for felling – 12-15 per Level, but the instructor should have 20 or so to choose from.
- Trees should be 10-16 inches at breast height. Site with a large population of dead trees or other hazards is unsafe. Contact NEWT or the training instructor to discuss your site if you have questions.
 - Level 1 – no excessive rot, lean, multi-stemmed trees, etc.
 - Level 2 – no excessive rot, lean, multi-stemmed trees, etc.; area of ¾"-1½" saplings (approx. 15).
 - Level 3 – same as Levels 1 & 2. Larger diameter, significant lean, multi-stem trees can be used.
 - Level 4 & Storm Damage Cleanup – trees of any condition.
- Trees can be hardwood or softwood species. Dense plantations are *not* ideal.
- Pulpwood/firewood/low-grade quality trees will be chosen, unless there is a plan to salvage valuable saw logs. Landowner/forester can mark trees, but instructor will need some flexibility.
- Planned forest clearings and roadsides may work as well as a forest stand. Hedgerows, if not against stone walls, also work.
- Trees will be left safely on the ground out of roads/trails, but will not be processed or cleaned up.
- No physical property at risk near cutting area (structures, power lines, fences, etc.).
- No hazards related to tree felling that cannot be mitigated.
- Adequate parking for instructor/student vehicles. Reasonable distance to cutting site.
- For Basic Chainsaw Safety course - instructor needs 6-8 trees to choose from but will only cut 2 or 3. 8 to 15 inches at breast height. Plus shelter with work benches/tables for filing and basic saw maintenance.

Course Requirements:

- No indoor classroom is required; however, a covered area for the Level 2 maintenance/sharpening session is handy when weather conditions are poor.
- Students "must bring" - a sound hard hat; hearing/eye protection; lunch; water; long pants; sturdy leather/work/hiking boots; weather/work appropriate clothing; a good attitude; well rested mind; and a drug/alcohol free body.
 - Chain saw chaps, if possible. The instructor has an extra pair of chaps that can be used when operating the chain saw.
 - Leather/chain saw gloves (optional)
- Personal chain saw (optional) with new chain. You can use the instructor's saw if necessary.
- Level 2 only – personal saw AND saw toolkit, optional, but useful for the maintenance section.
- Students under 18 must have parent's permission and be physically capable of operating a chain saw.
- Classes typically run from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and start promptly on-time.
- Classes are rarely cancelled due to weather – high winds, lightning, heavy rains are the exception. Light rain/snow, hot/cold are acceptable conditions.
- GOL uses a "hands on" teaching format, however, there will be 6 to 9 other individuals in the class and all will be practicing the skills taught by the instructor, one at a time. There will be a fair amount of standing, watching, and most importantly, learning. Be sure to dress well for standing still in "cold weather."



As a host, you are responsible for scheduling the training with us, responding to and following up on inquiries and registrations, filling the training (max. 10 per instructor), collecting fees, sending directions and course information to participants, welcoming participants on the training day, paying the invoice at the completion of the training, and distributing the digital certificates.