



2025 SFI® TRAINING WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

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Forest industry Safety and Training Alliance

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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)).

A Note from FISTA

Hello,

With funding provided by Wisconsin's State Implementation Committee (SIC) to keep wood fiber purchasers in compliance with the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) Fiber Sourcing Standards, FISTA is pleased to provide a diverse offering of classes for industry professionals training.

Questions? For answers, please contact Beth at the FISTA office at 715-304-2873 or email beth@fistausa.org.

Thank you for participating and doing your part to ensure the sustainability of the region's forests for future generations!

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Workshop Descriptions

Forestry and Ecology

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

This class includes a site visit. Dress accordingly.

Basic Core II Updated – (4-hour core curriculum) Covers awareness of responsibilities under the U.S. Endangered Species Act, Biodiversity in Fiber Sourcing, and Forests with High Conservation Value (FECV) including critically imperiled and imperiled species and ecological communities, and other measures to protect biodiversity and wildlife habitat

Water Quality Refresher: This course is perfect for those who would like an update on current Water Quality procedures. The speaker is Mike Dahlby & DNR. Note: The SIC committee has decided that as of 2025 all SFI participants must take a BMP for Water Quality, or a Water Quality refresher course every 5 years to maintain certification.

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. The speakers are Brad Hutnik and Greg Edge of the WI DNR. ***This class includes a site visit. 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, the ins and outs of the oak harvesting guidelines, and options to control oak wilt. The speaker is Paul Cigan of the WI DNR. ***This class includes a site visit. Dress accordingly.***

Cross Training for Loggers & Foresters: This workshop combines foresters and loggers to develop methods advantageous to both groups for better understanding and implementation of timber sale management. Discussion will highlight different perspectives from foresters and loggers and how to better understand each other's point of view in order to achieve effective and cost-efficient forest management. Dennis Schoeneck, Enterprise Forest Products Inc, and John Johnson PotlatchDeltic will lead this session.

Wilderness Rescue: Join Ann Dunphy to experience realistic injuries and extraction techniques for the northern logging crew. This is sure to be a very valuable course. Bring your first aid kit.

Responding to Emergencies Adult First Aid/CPR/AED

Presented by Life Link III, this course incorporates the latest science and teaches participants to recognize and care for a variety of first aid emergencies such as burns, cuts, scrapes, sudden illnesses, head, neck, and back injuries, as well as heat and cold emergencies and how to respond to breathing and cardiac emergencies. Participants will receive a certificate for Adult First Aid/CPR/AED through the American Red Cross valid for two years. Certificate meets OSHA Logging Safety Standard 1910.

Logging Safety, Technology, Resource Protection and Utilization

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.

Timber Cruising: Mike Dahlby of Dahlby Conservation Services will teach the use of 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 include a site visit. 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 October 31, 2022*. Adopted and published by the Great Lakes Timber Professionals Association. The speaker is Brock VanOss of VanOss forestry. ***This class may include a site visit. Dress accordingly.***

Business Management

The Will to Survive in the Woods and in Business – Logger and businessman Gary Edinger shares how he survived a life-threatening logging accident and applies that thought process to how he survives in business speaking with landowners, and others to make your small business thrive. You can see a little of Edinger's story on YouTube "Will to Live, the Gary Edinger Story."

Submitting an Approvable Managed Forest Law Cutting Notice: This course will highlight the basic requirements of the Managed Forest Law (MFL) program and provide guidance on the critical components necessary to submit an approvable MFL Cutting Notice. The speaker will be from Wisconsin DNR

Online Workshops

Invasive Species Refresher

The Invasive Species Online Refresher Course is perfect for those who would like an update on current Invasive Species procedures. Presented by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) and the Forest Industry Safety & Training Alliance Inc. (FISTA). This course is made possible by a generous grant from the United States Forest Service to WDNR.

Water Quality Refresher

The Water Quality Online Refresher Course is perfect for those who would like an update on current Water Quality procedures. Covers planning, timber harvesting, forest road design and location, wetland and stream crossings, riparian management zones, and the permitting process of crossings. Presented by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) and the Forest Industry Safety & Training Alliance Inc. (FISTA). This course is made possible by a generous grant from the United States Forest Service to WDNR.

Adapting to Climate Change

Wisconsin's climate is changing, with predictions of milder winters, heavier rainfall, and longer growing seasons. 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.

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.

Basic Core II Updated

Mike Dahlby covers awareness of responsibilities under the U.S. Endangered Species Act, Forests with Exceptional Conservation Value (critically imperiled and imperiled species and ecological communities), and other measures to protect biodiversity and wildlife habitat.

To register for an online class please visit: www.fistausa.org and click on "Online Training" located in green on the front page.

Please Note:

- Spring Celebration **will** count towards SFI credit
- Depending on the time of year, registrations may not be accepted over the phone.
- All attendees **MUST** complete the registration forms handed out at each session to receive SFI credit.
- Chainsaw safety courses may be scheduled by request for SFI training credit. Contact the FISTA office for details.
- Other workshops may be approved for SFI credit, if submitted to the FISTA office a minimum of 2 weeks before the workshop is held.

NOTE

If it has been 5 or more years since you have taken a BMP for Water Quality or a refresher course, you will be required to do so by the end of 2026.

Core Curriculum Workshops

Water Quality Workshops are 8:00am to 4:00pm and include lunch
Water Quality Workshops also include a field session, dress accordingly.
Participants **DO NOT** have to attend back-to-back Core Workshops

<u>WORKSHOP</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>
BMP for Water Quality	Comfort Inn & Suites – N6295 Holiday Dr. Black River Falls, WI 54615	April 24	WI DNR
Basic Core II Updated	Cobblestone Hotel & Suites – 3010 8 th St. So. Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494	May 6	FISTA
BMP for Water Quality	Holiday Inn – 15586 County Rd. B. Hayward, WI 54843	June 5	WI DNR
Basic Core II Updated	Kretz Lumber– W11143 County Rd G. Antigo, WI 54409	June 26	FISTA
BMP for Water Quality	PCA Training Center – W6147 State Road 86, Tomahawk WI 54487	July 17	WI DNR
BMP for Water Quality	AmericInn – 3300 E. Main Street, Merrill, WI 54452	August 14	WI DNR
BMP for Water Quality	Spooner Agricultural Research Station – W6646 Hwy 70, Spooner, WI 54801	September 10	WI DNR
Basic Core II Updated	Holiday Inn Express & Suites - 2703 Craig Rd, Eau Claire, WI 54701	October 21	FISTA

Continuing Education (CE) Workshops

March

Wausau, WI

Best Western Plus Wausau Tower Inn – 201 N. 17th Ave. Wausau, WI 54401

Date	Time	Workshop	Instructor / Organization
March 18	8:00AM - 12:00PM	Log Scaling & Grading	FISTA \ Brock VanOss

April

Chippewa Falls, WI

Holiday Inn Express & Suites - 12858 26th Ave. Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

Date	Time	Workshop	Instructor / Organization
April 22	8:00AM – 12:00PM	Water Quality Refresher	FISTA \ Mike Dahlby, Dahlby Conservation Services
April 22	1:00PM – 5:00PM	Timber Cruising	FISTA \ Mike Dahlby, Dahlby Conservation Services

Rhineland, WI

GLTPA - 3243 Golf Course Rd, Rhineland, WI 54501

Date	Time	Workshop	Instructor / Organization
April 29	8:00AM – 12:00PM	Log Scaling & Grading	FISTA \ Brock VanOss

May

Wisconsin Rapids, WI

Cobblestone Hotel & Suites - 3010 8th St. So, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494

Date	Time	Workshop	Instructor / Organization
May 6	8:00AM – 12:00PM	Water Quality Refresher	FISTA \ Mike Dahlby, Dahlby Conservation Services
May 6	1:00PM – 5:00PM	Basic Core II Updated	FISTA \ Mike Dahlby, Dahlby Conservation Services

May cont.

Madison, WI

Comfort Suites Madison West – 1253 John Q Hammons Dr. Madison, WI 53717

Date	Time	Workshop	Instructor / Organization
May 20	8:00AM – 12:00PM	Chainsaw Sharpening & Maintenance	FISTA \ Brock VanOss
May 20	1:00PM – 5:00PM	The Will to Survive in the Woods & In Business	FISTA \ Gary Edinger

June

Tomahawk, WI

PCA Training Center - W6147 State Road 86, Tomahawk, WI 54487

Date	Time	Workshop	Instructor / Organization
June 10	8:00AM – 12:00PM	Water Quality Refresher	FISTA \ Mike Dahlby, Dahlby Conservation Services
June 10	1:00PM – 5:00PM	Timber Cruising	FISTA \ Mike Dahlby, Dahlby Conservation Services

Antigo, WI

Kretz – W11143 County Road G. Antigo, WI 54409

Date	Time	Workshop	Instructor / Organization
June 26	8:00AM – 12:00PM	Water Quality Refresher	FISTA \ Mike Dahlby, Dahlby Conservation Services
June 26	1:00PM – 5:00PM	Basic Core II Updated	FISTA \ Mike Dahlby, Dahlby Conservation Services

July

Rhineland, WI

GLTPA – 3243 Golf Course Rd. Rhineland, WI 54501

Date	Time	Workshop	Instructor / Organization
July 24	8:00AM – 3:00PM	Responding to Emergencies Adult First Aid/CPR/AED	Life Link III

Onalaska, WI

Holiday Inn Express & Suites - 2614 Midwest Dr. Onalaska, WI 54650

Date	Time	Workshop	Instructor / Organization
July 24	8:00AM – 12:00PM	Water Quality Refresher	DNR

August

Wausau, WI

Best Western Plus Wausau Tower Inn – 201 N. 17th Ave. Wausau, WI 54401

Date	Time	Workshop	Instructor / Organization
August 12	8:00AM – 12:00PM	Cross Training Foresters & Loggers	John Johnson / Dennis Schoeneck
August 12	1:00PM – 5:00PM	Wilderness Rescue	FISTA / Ann Dunphy

Green Bay

Holiday Inn Green Bay Stadium – 2785 Ramada Way, Green Bay, WI 54304

Date	Time	Workshop	Instructor / Organization
August 21	8:00AM – 12:00PM	DOT Compliance	FISTA \ GT Associates

Rice Lake

Econolodge – 1710 S. Main St. Rice Lake, WI 54868

Date	Time	Workshop	Instructor / Organization
August 27	8:00AM – 12:00PM	Silviculture & Timber Marking	FISTA \ DNR
August 27	1:00PM – 5:00PM	Olk Wilt Id & Management	FISTA \ DNR

September

Marinette, WI

Independence Stay Hotel & Suites - 2020 Old Peshtigo Ct. Marinette, WI 54143

Date	Time	Workshop	Instructor / Organization
September 2	8:00AM – 12:00PM	Water Quality Refresher	FISTA \ Mike Dahlby, Dahlby Conservation Services
September 2	1:00PM – 5:00PM	Water Quality Refresher	FISTA \ Mike Dahlby, Dahlby Conservation Services

October

Marshfield, WI

Life Link III Marshfield Medical Center – Hanger BLD 611 St. Joseph's Ave. Marshfield, WI 54449

Date	Time	Workshop	Instructor / Organization
October 16	8:00AM – 3:00PM	Responding to Emergencies Adult First Aid/CPR/AED	Life Link III

Eau Claire, WI

Holiday Inn Express & Suites – 2703 Craig Rd, Eau Claire, WI 54701

Date	Time	Workshop	Instructor / Organization
October 21	8:00AM – 12:00PM	Basic Core II Updated	FISTA \ Mike Dahlby, Dahlby Conservation Services
October 21	1:00PM – 5:00PM	Water Quality Refresher	FISTA \ Mike Dahlby, Dahlby Conservation Services

Spooner, WI

Spooner Agricultural Research – W6646 Hwy 70. Spooner, WI 54801

Date	Time	Workshop	Instructor / Organization
October 22	8:00AM – 12:00PM	Water Quality Refresher	DNR

November

Hayward

Holiday Inn – 15586 County Rd. B. Hayward, WI 54843

Date	Time	Workshop	Instructor / Organization
November 6	8:00AM – 12:00PM	Water Quality Refresher	FISTA \ DNR
November 6	1:00PM – 5:00PM	Submitting an Approvable Managed Forest Law Cutting Notice	FISTA \ DNR

December

Medford

Taylor County Fairgrounds Community Center – Intersection of Hwy 64 & 13, Medford, WI 54451

Date	Time	Workshop	Instructor / Organization
December 5	8:00AM – 12:00PM	Water Quality Refresher	FISTA \ Mike Dahlby, Dahlby Conservation Services
December 5	1:00PM – 5:00PM	Water Quality Refresher	FISTA \ Mike Dahlby, Dahlby Conservation Services

Rhineland

GLTPA – 3243 Golf Course Rd. Rhineland, WI 54501

Date	Time	Workshop	Instructor / Organization
December 11	8:00AM – 12:00PM	Wilderness Rescue	FISTA \ Ann Dunphy
December 11	1:00PM – 5:00PM	Water Quality Refresher	FISTA \ Mike Dahlby, Dahlby Conservation Services

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GLTPA – 3243 Golf Course Rd. Rhineland, WI 54501

Date	Time	Workshop	Instructor / Organization
December 16	8:00AM – 3:00PM	Responding to Emergencies Adult First Aid/CPR/AED	Life Link III

2025 SFI® Workshop Registration Form

(Please complete one form for each attendee; make copies if need mail this page with payment to: FISTA;

PO Box 714, Rhinelander WI 54501

Name: _____ Last 4 Digits of SSN: _____
(Will be Kept Confidential)

Company Name: _____

Please indicate who is paying for the workshop(s): Individual Company

MUST PUT ATTENDEE'S INFORMATION IN THE FOLLOWING:

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

City	Date	Time	Workshop	Registration Fee
Total Registration Fee Enclosed				\$

Registration Fees:

Minimum Workshops	Additional Workshops
*GLTPA Member \$35.00	*GLTPA Member \$130.00
Nonmember \$150.00	Nonmember \$245.00

SFI® funding is used to reduce attendee costs only for those *minimum workshops* required to meet the 2025 Wisconsin SFI® Training Standard. The additional workshop rate will be charged for any workshop beyond what is required for certification. Please determine the minimum number of classes you need in 2025 prior to registering by contacting the FISTA office.

***Only paid members of the Great Lakes Timber Professionals Association (GLTPA) and their employees are eligible for the member rates. Sub-contractors must be registered under their own company as GLTPA members to be eligible for member rates.**
 To become a member, please call GLTPA at 715-304-2861.

Questions regarding registration or training needs can be directed to FISTA at 715-304-2873 or info@fistausa.org

ALL ATTENDEES MUST COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION FORMS HANDED OUT AT EACH SESSION IN ORDER TO RECEIVE SFI CREDIT. ANYONE WHO FAILS TO COMPLETE AND TURN IN THEIR FORMS AT THE CLASS WILL NOT RECEIVE SFI CREDIT, NO EXCEPTIONS!

- Workshop seats are limited; register early. To check availability, please call the FISTA office at 715-304-2873.
- Registration and full payment must be received 1 week prior to the workshop.
- If registering less than a week prior to the workshop, please contact the FISTA office.
- **NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN FOR NO-SHOWS.** Call the FISTA office if you know in advance that you will not be able to attend a workshop you have registered for.
- As of January 1, 2019, all 8 hour continuing education classes will only be worth 4 credit hours. We are no longer able to split 8-hour classes to fulfill the past year's requirements.
- Classes may be cancelled if there is insufficient registration.
- Payment of GLTPA membership dues after registration does **not** entitle the registrant to reimbursement of non-member portion of fees.

If you would like to pay with credit card, you may fax or email this registration form to FISTA at 715-304-2873 or email to info@fistausa.org

Number: _____

Expiration: ____/____ **CVC** (3-digit code on back of card) _____ **Signature:** _____

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REGISTRATION FORM INSIDE!



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