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# **Chainsaw Safety Workshop April 16**

Loggers, landowners and arborists are invited to participate in a chainsaw safety seminar, a hands-on workshop co-sponsored by the Kickapoo Woods Cooperative(KWC) and the Kickapoo Valley Reserve. Enrollment is limited for the class, but the KWC will schedule additional sessions of chainsaw safety training whenever sufficient people express an interest in the class, and generally sessions are scheduled for spring and fall each year. If you cannot attend this time, but would like to take the workshop in the future, please contact the co-op.

Participants will spend 4 hours indoors doing the classroom portion, take a break for lunch, then go into the woods for at least 2 hours of practical experience using the techniques. The workshop will cover proper body mechanics in chainsaw use, personal protective equipment, tools necessary in safely felling trees and their use, proper saw maintenance including sharpening, considerations for felling a tree, releasing limbs and spring poles under pressure, and more, plus demonstrations of tree felling, limbing, bucking and topping. Opportunities to try these techniques will depend on attendance and site conditions, usually everyone has an opportunity to fell at least one tree with supervision.

Participants are encouraged to bring chainsaws, safety equipment, lunch (or buy it in La Farge), and drinking water.

The classes will meet at 8:00 am at the Kickapoo Valley Reserve Visitor Center one mile north of La Farge at S 3661 Highway 131. A certificate of completion is available on request. Insurance companies for loggers consider participation a reduction of risk and frequently offer reduced premiums to loggers whose crews have taken this training.

Price of the workshop is \$60. To reserve your place, **PRE-REGISTER FOR THE SEMINAR**. Send your check or money order for the full amount per registrant to Kickapoo Woods Cooperative, PO Box 71, La Farge WI 54639. Include a note with your name, address, and contact information, and mention that you are enclosing registration for chainsaw safety on April 16, 2011. For more information, contact Lila Marmel at 608-624-5269; sunmoon@mwt.net.