

Press Release

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Chainsaw Safety Workshop June 7

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, but the KWC will schedule additional sessions of chainsaw safety training whenever sufficient people express an interest in the class. 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 one-hour 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. Participants are encouraged to bring chainsaws, safety equipment, lunch (or buy it in La Farge), and drinking water.

The class will meet at 8:00 am June 7 at the Kickapoo Valley Reserve Visitor Center one mile north of La Farge on Highway 131. Each participant will receive a certificate of completion. Insurance companies for loggers consider participation in this training a reduction of risk and frequently offer reduced premiums to loggers whose crews have taken this training.

Price of the workshop is \$50. PLEASE PRE-REGISTER FOR THE SEMINAR. Send your check or money order for \$50 per registrant to Kickapoo Woods Cooperative, PO Box 71, La Farge WI 54639. For more information, contact Paul Bader at 608-625-2515; domehome@mwt.net.