Logger Conferences

These conferences are part of our effort to provide "one-stop shopping" for logger education. The conference format should reduce the need to travel to several cities on different dates in order to fulfill training requirements. The conference will offer MLEP training on Day One. During Day Two, LogSafe training will be offered.

Day One
The conference will begin with a group session that includes and update on MLEP and review of monitoring and audit findings. Participants will then choose from a variety of breakout sessions. Breakout sessions will include any required contractor training and other topics designated for business owners and employees – check the MLEP website for further details.
(8 hrs. MLEP Cr.)

Day Two
Track 1- CPR and first aid certification and recertification. Track 2 - Tire and wheel safety, tick borne diseases: human anaplasmosis, babesiosis and lymes disease. **(4 hrs. LogSafe Cr.– Track One; 8 hrs. LogSafe Cr.– Track Two)**

April 7-8, 2009 - Fortune Bay Resort & Casino, Tower
Room rates for conference are $59 plus tax for a double room, $74 plus tax for premium double room. Specify the "MLEP Conference" when making reservations and rooms must be held on valid credit card. Call 800-555-1714. Reservations at group rate can be made until March 14, 2009. Cancellation penalty applies if cancelled less than 3 days before arrival.

April 14-15, 2009 - Northern Lights Hotel & Casino, Walker
Room rates for conference are $65 plus tax for standard room. Specify the "MN Logger Block" when making reservations and rooms must be held on valid credit card. Call 866-652-4683. Reservations at group rate can be made until March 31, 2009.

Silviculture

This workshop explains the core principles of silviculture and the common methods in Minnesota. Experience collecting data and developing a silvicultural prescription for a given stand and landowner objective, discuss tradeoffs inherent in planning and implementation and answer your questions about silviculture.

July 14 **Grand Marais**
(8 hrs. MLEP Cr.)

MMLC Certification

Have you considered becoming a Minnesota Certified Master Logger? MLEP will provide credit to loggers who apply to MMLC and complete the business management and field practices audits. Master Loggers who undergo recertification will also be eligible for the credit. Contact MLEP today for an application or more information.
(8 hrs. MLEP Cr.)

GPS for Loggers, Foresters, and Landowners

This hands-on workshop provides a brief overview of the basics of Global Positioning System (GPS) technology and will include detailed instruction for customizing settings, marking a location, mapping a boundary, and calculating acreage. In addition, participants will create & navigate waypoints, tracks and routes. The workshop is a hybrid of the Introduction and Intermediate GPS classes we have offered in the past. The curriculum has been overhauled and updated for use with the Garmin GPS MAP 76csx receivers that we will use in the workshop.

Additional Cost: $10 equipment fee for MLEP members due when submitting your registration ($145 for non-members).

May 5 **Rochester**
May 7 **Grand Rapids**
(8 hrs. MLEP Cr.)

The DOT Audit

The DOT audit – how to prepare and what to expect. Pamela DeGrote, a Transportation Program Specialist with the Minnesota Department of Transportation will provide a complete review of applicable Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations and the DOT audit process. Topics to be covered include: inspection selection; driver qualifications; drug and alcohol use, testing and programs; hours of service, inspection, service and maintenance, hazardous materials and more.

October 20 **Brainerd**
(8 hrs. MLEP Cr.)

Skilled Driver Workshop

Representatives from the Minnesota State Patrol will discuss enforcement issues, provide a review of the load restraint standards and discuss the use and placement of these restraints during a truck/ trailer walk around.

October 27 **Bemidji**
October 28 **Virginia**
(4 hrs. MLEP Cr.)

Reasonable Suspicion Training

This training will address drug and alcohol use in the workplace. Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) regulations state each employer shall ensure that all persons designated to supervise drivers receive training on alcohol misuse and drug use. If you have drivers working for you – attend this training and stay in compliance with the FMCSA regulations.

September 18 **Grand Rapids (North Star Expo)**
(4 hrs. MLEP or LogSafe Cr.)

Truck Weight Compliance Training

The training has been updated to reflect 2009 truck weight legislative changes. Participants will review the laws governing gross weights, road-restriction weights, axle weights, and seasonally increased weights. The workshop will also address the differences between the state and local systems, road damage issues, reading weight charts, and the advantages and reasons for proper tire sizes, axle spacing, and axle configurations. Professional and easy to understand classroom and "take home" materials will help you identify potential concerns with your own trucks and assist you in optimizing your own configurations and options.

This workshop is being funded by the Minnesota Department of Transportation. The instructor is retired State Patrol Lieutenant Greg A. Hayes.

This workshop includes coffee breaks and program materials. Registrants are on their own for lunch.

March 3 **Detroit Lakes**
March 11 **East Grand Forks**
March 19 **Owatonna**
April 1 **Duluth**
April 8 **Rochester**
April 15 **Alexandria**
(8 hrs. MLEP Cr.)

Online Biomass Harvesting Guidelines Training

It's Simple: Simple and self-paced - This training is user-friendly and self-directed. Study as much as you need to know, at the pace you learn!
It's Fun: Have fun learning with interactive slides and questions.
It's Official: After answering the quiz questions correctly and completing the training, you will enter your name, address and email. This information will be recorded by the Minnesota Logger Education Program (loggers) and the Sustainable Forests Education Cooperative (resource managers). You will also receive an email confirming your completion of the training.

Note: If you attended a 2008 Logger Conference, or completed this training previously, you will not receive credit for this training in 2009.

http://www.mlep.org/onlinebiomassintro.htm
(4 hrs. MLEP Cr.)

More Online Training Options– Coming Soon!

Check the MLEP website for additional online training opportunities. We plan to expand the number of training opportunities available online in 2009. Topics being considered include:

Introduction to Minnesota's Forest Management Guideline Training
Reasonable Suspicion
How to Prepare for a DOT Audit
Hazardous Materials
Wetland Identification
Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) Driver Requirements
Using Landview

One-on-One Business Assistance

MN Small Business Assistance Office

The Minnesota SBDC offers one-on-one business management counseling to existing and prospective small business owners and managers. Logging businesses that work with the Small Business Development Centers are eligible for MLEP credit. For more information or to request a consultation, contact MLEP or:
North East SBDC (888) 387-4594
North West SBDC (218) 755-4255
North Central SBDC (218) 855-8142
South East SBDC (507) 285-7536

2009 MLEP & LogSafe Workshop Registration

Pre-registration is required for all MLEP/LogSafe workshops and conferences. Photocopy this form for each participant - Each person must register.
For MLEP members and employees attendance is free (additional fees may apply). Cost to all other attendees is $135.00 + any additional fees. LogSafe workshops are free of charge for all loggers.

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Participant Name
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Organization/Company
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Address
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City/State/ZIP *Phone/Fax*
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E-mail

Course Name **Date(s):** **City:**

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Generally, class times are as follows:

8 hour classes:		4 hour classes:	
7:30am - 8:00am	Registration	7:30am - 8:00am	Registration
8:00am - 4:30pm	Class	8:00am - 12:00pm	Class

Exact times will be noted on your registration confirmation letter.

☐ **My company or employer is a member of the Minnesota Logger Education Program**
Prepayment is required for workshops with additional fees.

☐ **I am not a member of MLEP**
Prepayment is required. Enclose check or money order payable to Minnesota Logger

Registration must be received one week prior to the workshop. No phone registrations.

Some class sizes are limited - registrations accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Mail this registration form and payment to:
Minnesota Logger Education Program
301 W 1st St., Suite 510
Duluth, MN 55802
or
Register online at **www.mlep.org**

About Our Workshops

Please note that some class sizes are limited so register today.

At the time this brochure was published, some workshop dates had not yet been confirmed. Please check the MLEP website at www.mlep.org, or contact our office at (218) 722-5442 for additional program information and details.

Following the receipt of your registration, you will receive a registration confirmation notice which will include facility location and workshop time