

The Virginia Forest Landowner Education Program



2011 On-Line Woodland Management Class

Learn the basics (at home) of how to keep your woods healthy and productive

Two levels of participation

Basic level

- Non-landowners, folks with limited time, absentee landowners with limited access to their property, aspiring land owners)
- Time commitment: 1-2 hours per module
- Activities include:
 - Reading assignments
 - Quizzes
 - Weekly interaction on the discussion boards

Advanced level

- Folks with easy access to their woodlands
- Time commitment: 2-10 hours per module
- Advanced exercises are optional
- Activities include:
 - All of the basic level activities
 - Determining the history of your land
 - Learning compass & pacing skills
 - Using aerial photos, topo maps & soil surveys
 - Locating & marking property boundaries
 - Drawing stand maps
 - Determining management units

All participants will gain an understanding of forest history, ecology, and management, how to use this information to improve the health and productivity of their land, and sources of assistance available to help them.

The 12-week class begins March 1 and runs through May 21

On-line registration at: www.cnre.vt.edu/forestupdate

Registration fee is \$45 per family

Includes:

- Access to on-line reading materials, tree identification module and discussion board
- Interaction with natural resources professionals throughout Virginia
- Five books
 - Common Forest Trees of Virginia
 - Forest Sustainability: The History, The Challenge, The Promise
 - American Forests: A History of Resiliency and Recovery
 - Non-native Invasive Plants of Southern Forests
 - Estate Planning for Forest Landowners
- Two CD's
 - A Virtual Tour of the Forest
 - Tree Identification
- Participation in an (optional) end-of-the semester hands-on field trip

