

## **SAWW Level 1**

This course is certified through the Safety and Woods Working (SAWW) training program and is part of a four-level series designed to increase safety and efficiency of chainsaw use.

Participants in Level 1 training will spend part of the morning in the classroom, and at least 5 hours outside practicing techniques to operate chainsaws safely, comfortably and productively. Topics covered include personal protective equipment (PPE), body mechanics, chainsaw safety features, the chain and the cutter tooth, reactive forces, planning and executing tree felling, intro to limbing, and bucking. Level I introduces the participant to bore cutting and open face felling, and develops the mechanics to execute these techniques. Hands-on training gives participants the opportunity to fell or limb at least one tree.

*Participants must bring a safety helmet, and are encouraged to bring all PPE (eye protection, chaps, suitable footwear and gloves), chainsaw and any tools used to maintain the saw and sharpen chain.*

Date: \_\_

Location: \_\_

Time: 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

Class limit: 12

Cost: *tbd by host*

Lunch: bring a bag lunch, (or provided by host?)

Instructor: Luke Saunders, Forester with Blue Heron Stewardship LLC, SAWW-certified trainer, experienced sawyer and horse-logger



## **SAWW Level 2**

*Prerequisite: Completion of Level 1 training*

Participants in Level 2 SAWW training will refine and build upon chainsaw proficiency skills learned in Level 1. This course is certified through the Safety and Woods Working (SAWW) training program and is part of a four-level series designed to increase safety and efficiency of chainsaw use.

Participants in Level 2 training will spend part of the morning in the classroom, and at least 5 hours outside practicing techniques to operate chainsaws safely, comfortably and productively. Topics covered include basic chainsaw maintenance, review of the cutter tooth and hands-on sharpening, introduction to wedges, planning and executing tree felling, planning and executing limbing and bucking. Level 2 participants will sharpen their own saws, may fell trees against lean, and learn advanced bucking techniques. Hands-on training gives participants the opportunity to fell or limb at least one tree.

*Participants must bring a safety helmet, and are strongly encouraged to bring all PPE (eye protection, helmet, chaps, suitable footwear and gloves), chainsaw and any tools used to maintain the saw and sharpen chain.*

Date: \_\_

Location: \_\_

Time: 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

Class limit: 12

Cost: *tbd by host*

Lunch: bring a bag lunch, (or provided by host?)

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### **SAWW Level 3**

*Prerequisite: Completion of Level 2 training*

Participants in Level 3 SAWW training will refine and build upon chainsaw proficiency skills learned in Levels 1 & 2. This course is certified through the Safety and Woods Working (SAWW) training program and is part of a four-level series designed to increase safety and efficiency of chainsaw use.

Participants in Level 3 training will spend most of the day in the field practicing techniques to operate chainsaws safely, comfortably and productively. Topics covered include review of information from Levels 1 & 2, focus on planning and executing difficult tree felling, introduction to Segments, precision at the stump, and planning and executing limbing and bucking. Level 3 participants should be fully equipped and prepared to work with and maintain their own chainsaw. Hands-on training gives participants the opportunity to fell and limb or buck at least one tree.

*Participants must be prepared to work and bring their own personal protective equipment, chainsaw(s) and tools for maintenance.*

Date: \_\_

Location: \_\_

Time: 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

Class limit: 12 (10 is preferred limit)

Cost: *tbd by host*

Lunch: bring a bag lunch, (or provided by host?)

Instructor: Luke Saunders, Forester with Blue Heron Stewardship LLC, SAWW-certified trainer, experienced sawyer and horse-logger



## **SAWW Level 4**

*Prerequisite: Completion of Level 3 training*

Participants in Level 4 SAWW training will refine and build upon chainsaw proficiency skills learned in Levels 1, 2 and 3. This course is certified through the Safety and Woods Working (SAWW) training program and is part of a four-level series designed to increase safety and efficiency of chainsaw use.

Participants in Level 4 training will spend most of the day in the field, utilizing techniques to operate chainsaws safely, comfortably and productively applied to challenging situations. This course is dynamic, with material covered depending up on the experience and interests of the participants. Topics covered include demonstration and review of techniques per request of participants, planning and executing difficult tree felling, planning and executing advanced limbing and bucking, and working at production level. Level 4 participants should be fully equipped and prepared to work with and maintain their own chainsaw. Hands-on training gives participants the opportunity to fell, limb and buck at least one tree.

*Participants must be prepared to work and bring their own personal protective equipment, chainsaw(s) and tools for maintenance.*

Date: \_\_

Location: \_\_

Time: 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

Class limit: 12 (8 is preferred limit)

Cost: *tbd by host*

Lunch: bring a bag lunch, (or provided by host?)

Instructor: Luke Saunders, Forester with Blue Heron Stewardship LLC, SAWW-certified trainer, experienced sawyer and horse-logger

