

FRESH [Forest Resources Extension SHaring] & Maple Training

May 5, 6, & 7 2009

May 5, 2009 – optional activities and tours
Arnot Teaching and Research Forest

Why Attend FRESH? This in-service training is designed by CCE educators for CCE educators to fill the need for targeted and in-depth sharing of programming successes and opportunities for mutual support. “Forest Resources” broadly covers issues relevant to educational programs for users of the rural New York landscape, from forest owners to municipal officials, from trees to toads. In-service participants learn what educational strategies have worked in other counties, learn about new project initiatives from campus and statewide partners, gain hands-on experience with skills they can use with constituents, and build relationships with other educators and campus staff via collaborative research projects. The forest resources and maple programs on campus feel strongly about the need to support county programming and thus heavily subsidize the costs of this in-service.

Who should attend FRESH? CCE educators and program assistants who program in the areas of natural resources, forestry, maple, and environment. Additionally, CCE educators can invite agency partners to join them at FRESH. FRESH is designed and delivered primarily for adult educators. Youth educators are however welcome.

In-service Objective: FRESH will provide an opportunity for natural resource Extension educators to gather and focus on sharing strategies to improve the efficiency and productivity of their programs. FRESH emphasizes the interaction among educators through focused county programming success stories and field based activities.

Format: The in-service emphasizes interaction among participants, lightly structured by formal presentations. Considerable time is devoted to county reports and sharing of program ideas. Weather and other factors may warrant spontaneous though usually minor adjustments to the sequence of events. Please dress appropriately for weather.

County Reports: One of the most exciting aspects of FRESH is to share and learn about forest, maple and natural resources CUCE county program activities. County reports provide a primary mode of learning for FRESH participants. Please come prepared to give a 5 to 10 minute overview of program activities, plus give a full description of one of your favorite (best? Worst?, etc.) programs. Handouts will be gratefully accepted by the other participants.

Registration: Registration fee of \$35 (or \$15 per day) contributes to overnight accommodations in a shared cabin, all meals, and all program materials. Actual costs are subsidized through ForestConnect and the Cornell Maple Program. Partial mileage reimbursement is available upon request. Please register at <http://surveys.cit.cornell.edu/Survey.aspx?s=38933f4b3fb7460096f54ca55201ae7e> or via the “educator” link at www.ForestConnect.info

Cancellations after April 29th will be charged for full meal costs. Registration is due by 2 PM on April 29th. **Remember** to bring towels, bedding, flashlights, **written county reports**, etc. Directions to the Arnot are found at www.arnotforest.info

More information: For more information about the in-service, please contact Peter Smallidge at pjs23@cornell.edu or by phone at 607 592 3640. For information about registration, please contact Diana Bryant at dlt5@cornell.edu or by phone at 607 255 2115

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Tuesday May 5 th (afternoon is optional, please arrive no later than dinner)	
10:00 AM to noon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive, select cabins • 10:00 – Practical experiences working with Adobe Connect webinars (Smallidge)
12:00	Light lunch, welcome and more introductions
12:30 – 5:30	Field Tour and Hands-On Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build and evaluate a sap ladder (Childs) • Wagner Sawmill – log yard and facility tour
6:00	Dinner, new arrivals pick cabins, welcome and introductions
7:00	Maple Confection Workshop (Childs)
~ 8:30	Informal small group discussion (with refreshments)
Wednesday May 6 th	
7:15	Breakfast
8:00	Campus program updates (10 - 15 minutes each)
	County Reports
	Focus Topics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (45 min) Economic incentives to attract/expand maple producers (Farrell) • (90 min) Writing effective impact statements (M. Duttweiler)
12:30	Lunch
	County Reports
	Focus Topics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (30 min) Strategies for working with MFO volunteers (Goff, Chedzoy). Outcome – develop an educator’s strategy sheet • (30 min) Strategies for working with maple producers (Childs, Hargrave, Farrell, Chabot). Outcome – develop an educator’s strategy sheet
	FIELD ACTIVITY – Active forest harvest of biofuel research/demo plots (Sullivan, Morreale)
6:00	Dinner
7:00	DNR’s climate change project (Sullivan)
~ 8:30	Informal small group discussion (with refreshments)
Thursday May 7 th	
7:30	Breakfast
8:15	County reports
	Focus Topics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (45 min) Municipal official forestry training – program development for training modules (Gailor, Smallidge). Outcome – develop an outline of modules • (45 min?) Biofuel issues update (tentative) • (45 min) Woodland Threats and Opportunities (RFI program resources shared)
12:30 PM	Lunch and evaluations
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