

CHAIN SAW SAFETY TRAINING WORKSHOP MAY 14, 2010

Pisgah, IA - Do you occasionally use a chain saw in your woodlands? Is your chain saw used every day around your farm operation? Have you ever had a near-miss when felling a tree? Wasn't that really a "near-hit"? How would that have changed your life or your family's life? If you think you don't need chain saw safety training then this workshop was designed especially for you.

The Forestry Bureau-Iowa Department of Natural Resources will host a "chain saw safety training workshop" at the Loess Hills State Forest Visitor's Center in Pisgah, Iowa on Friday, May 14 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. The workshop is designed to help anyone that uses a chain saw to become more safe and efficient in their cutting operations.

The workshop will be conducted by Lee Schauman, Lead Safety Trainer for Forest Industry Safety & Training Alliance (FISTA), Inc. in Rhinelander, Wisconsin. Schauman has worked for FISTA since 1995, is a certified Game of Logging Instructor and experienced logger. He also conducts mechanized safety training, log truck driver training, Best Management Practices for Water Quality workshops, and several continuing education classes related to logging and forestry. FISTA has conducted hundreds of chainsaw safety trainings for a wide variety of groups such as: loggers, foresters, landowners, arborists, highway departments, correctional facilities, conservation districts, municipalities, state forestry departments, U.S. Forest Service, and many more.

The all-day workshop includes an indoor session to address personal protective equipment and chain saw maintenance. The afternoon will be spent outdoors for hands-on participation and tree felling demonstrations for hardwoods and redcedar. Felling includes identifying hazards, escape routes, proper notch, and hinge and back cut. Participants should bring their own personal protective equipment, including hard hat, ear and eye protection, gloves and leather boots.

Registration fee is \$30, which includes lunch and handout materials. Pre-registration is required and you can use the attached form. Send your payment, mailing address, email, and phone number to Golden Hills RC & D, PO Box 189, Oakland, IA 51560, by April 30, 2010. To insure one-on-one instruction, workshop attendance is limited to the **first 15 paid registrants**. Confirmation will be sent to the first 15 registrants. No refunds will be given for no-shows.

This workshop is sponsored by the Iowa Tree Farm Committee, Loess Hills Alliance, The Nature Conservancy, Iowa Woodland Owners Association, Mow-N-Snow, Big Valley Tree Clearing and Golden Hills Resource Conservation and Development.

For more information please contact District Forester Jeremy Cochran at 712-482-6245 or email Jeremy.cochran@dnr.iowa.gov

Pre-registration (\$30) payable to Golden Hills RC & D

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