

# SCHOOL OF LOGGING

**LEARN MARKETABLE SKILLS IN TIMBER  
HARVESTING AS YOU FAST TRACK YOUR  
WAY TO A NEW, REWARDING CAREER**  
**July 8, 2019—August 3, 2019**



**Live, learn, and work at Paul Smith's College. The top students will be rewarded with paid 10-week internships.**

**IF YOU'RE A MOTIVATED, HARDWORKING STUDENT, APPLY HERE:**

**[HTTPS://WWW.PAULSMITHS.EDU/SUMMER/  
SCHOOL-OF-LOGGING/](https://www.paulsmiths.edu/summer/school-of-logging/)**

## **WHAT WE OFFER**

- 4-week course in timber harvesting
- Internships & pay roll reimbursement
- On-the-job training

## **WHAT YOU PAY**

**\$1,500 with payment plans & employer reimbursement available**



## **TRAINING PROGRAM**

- Mechanized timber harvesting
- Hand felling
- Environmentally-sound logging practices
- Saw log bucking & marketing
- Urban tree management
- Game of Logging 1 & 2

**\*New York Logger Training Certified\***

**AND MUCH MORE!**



## **FOR MORE INFO**

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Dear Guidance Department:

I hope your new year is off to a great start. I am writing to inform you of the School of Logging Program, offered in conjunction between the Workforce Development Institute and Paul Smith's College. This year, the goal of the School of Logging program is the same as it was in prior years: to provide the next generation of forestry professionals with a breadth of experiential training and to assist them with entry into the workforce.

**The program is designed for students who have graduated from high school prior to the start of the training program.** This is a non-credit bearing course but offers stackable credentials to form a portfolio of industry- recognized certificates for our graduates. I have attached our marketing flyer to this letter. All the pictures on the flyer were of our students participating in last year's program.

The course curriculum is based around five core modules: mechanized timber harvesting, hand felling timber harvesting, environmentally sound logging practices through the implementation of various BMP's throughout timber harvests, saw log bucking and marketing, and urban tree management/invasive species management. The bulk of the instruction will be performed during the timber harvest that the students will conduct on college lands. The course will be conducted between **July 8<sup>th</sup> and August 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Instruction will take place on Mondays through Saturdays to maximize the learning experience for the students and reduce the overall cost of the course.

The workshops and trainings will include New York State Logger Training requirements for Forest Ecology and Silviculture (all students will be NYLT certified at the end of the course), Game of Logging 1 and 2, OSHA 10 certification, First Aid and CPR training, Logger Rescue Training, Mechanized Harvest Safety Training, hardwood defects, scaling and grading (field trip to local hardwood sawmill), GPS Training and hardwood log bucking training (based on Hardwood Value Improvement Project).

Students will also have the opportunity to gain further experience in feller-buncher training via Paul Smith's new CAT Feller-Buncher Simulator. One addition to note for this year's program is the inclusion of *urban tree management instruction* (bucket truck training, basic climbing and pruning, invasive species management, etc).

The experiential portion of the course will include a conventional hand felling and cable skidder with log loader operation (20-acre harvest layout) and a whole tree harvest operation (30-acre harvest layout). The whole tree harvest operation will be taught by two local logging contractors, utilizing a mixture of their own and college owned equipment. Experienced operators will be teaching students how to operate equipment. Students will receive training and experience operating a feller-buncher, grapple skidder, and loader/delimiter/slasher combination during the mechanized harvesting module.

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**Both operations will take place on Paul Smith's College property.** Students will be split into two equal groups and will have the opportunity to work in both operations for six days each. Utilization dendrology, BMP training, and safety will be integrated into the instruction of each of these operations.

After completion of the course, there are opportunities for **graduates to receive 10-week paid internships** with various logging contractors and other forest product industry professionals. These internships are funded by the Workforce Development Institute. Many of our interns are hired full-time by their internship employer at the end of their internships. We will also provide opportunities for students to meet with other employers that are willing to hire School of Logging graduates directly after they complete the program.

Registration is currently open for the School of Logging and can be found at the following link: <https://www.paulsmiths.edu/summer/school-of-logging>. Tuition and room and board for the 4-week program is \$1,500. I am hoping you will disseminate this information to any interested students and their families, as enrollment is currently open for the 2019 program.

Please let me know if you, your students, or their families have any questions or concerns.

Kind Regards,



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