Forestry Club Minutes
September
From the meeting of 9/14/11

Officers: President-Collin Buntrock, Vice President-Collin Scherbert, Treasurer-Kelsey Egelhoff, Secretary-Danielle Schumerth

Introductions:
- ALL MEETINGS WILL BE HELD ON THE 1ST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH @ 6pm IN A121 RUSSELL LABS
- Special thanks to Luke Gray for making the forestry website! The URL will be coming soon.
- Congratulations to Dany Schumerth, the new District 5 Student Representative of Society of American Foresters
- Passed around flyers for SAF→Join the Student Chapter today! It’s a good way to become (& stay) familiar with the most up-to-date forestry news and studies.

Overview of Club Activities for The Year:
- DECEMBER 2nd, 3rd, & 4th – CHRISTMAS TREE SALE! SAVE DATE NOW!!
  This is the sole most important event for all forestry club members to attend! This sale is how forestry club makes its money and thus without it, there would be no club. You meet a lot of nice people and help them to pick out their Christmas tree and get in the Christmas spirit! It’s a lot of fun and very rewarding!
  Please mark your calendars and plan on helping out at the sale.
- Weekend of October 15 - Chainsaw safety class in Kickapoo Valley Reserve.
  Cost: $75 (Forestry Club reimburses 50% of cost)
  When: Level 1-Saturday, October 15
  Level 2-Friday, October 14

Chainsaw Safety Classes October 14-15

The Kickapoo Woods Cooperative (KWC) and Kickapoo Valley Reserve (KVR) are offering Chainsaw Safety Level I and Level II on October 15 and 14 at the KVR near La Farge. The KWC regularly offers level I chainsaw safety training twice a year, usually in October and April, and you must have taken that class to be eligible to take the more advanced level two training.

The Level One class on Saturday, October 15 will cover proper body mechanics in chainsaw use, personal protective equipment, tools necessary in safely felling trees and their use, proper saw maintenance including sharpening, considerations for felling a tree, releasing limbs and spring poles under pressure, and more, plus demonstrations of tree felling, limbing, bucking and topping. Participants will spend 4 hours
indoors doing the classroom portion; take a one-hour break for lunch, then go into the woods for at least 2 hours of practical experience using the techniques.

Content of the **Level Two class (Friday, October 14)** builds on what was learned in the level 1 course. Participants will spend 2 hours indoors doing the classroom portion, focused mostly on proper saw maintenance including hands-on practice sharpening the saw and adjusting the carburetor. The remainder of the day will be spent in the woods to practice felling. The workshop will include techniques for releasing limbs and spring poles under pressure, working with wedges, evaluating side lean and improving target accuracy. Each participant will have opportunities to try these techniques with the instructor's feedback. It is generally recommended that the sawyer take the information and techniques from the level one class into the field and work with those elements awhile before taking the level two class.

The classes will meet at 8:00 am on Friday and Saturday, October 14 and 15 at the KVR Visitor Center one mile north of La Farge at S3661 State Highway 131. Opportunities to try these techniques will depend on attendance and site conditions. Participants are encouraged to bring chainsaws, safety equipment, lunch (or buy it in La Farge), and drinking water. Instructor for the class is Ken Lallemont, who has taught chainsaw safety for more than 15 years. He also worked as a logger for 20+ years.

Price of the Level One class (max 15 students) is $75. Level Two (max 10 students) costs $110. The KWC is losing grant funding that has subsidized this class in the past, so the price has gone up. Enrollment is limited and these classes typically fill up, so reserve your place soon. Pre-registration is required. Send your check or money order for full payment per registrant to Kickapoo Woods Cooperative, PO Box 71, La Farge WI 54639. **For more information, contact Lila Marmel at sunmoon@mwt.net or 608-624-5269.**

- Possible lecture by UW Professor Glen Stanosz, Plant Pathologist, on how to determine/treat stress trees. Date and time TBD.
- Project for retired UW Professor Gordy Cuttingham. Date and time TBD, probably next semester
- Conclave: timber sports competition. Dany will check on details for this.
- **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:** Trail-building for the Ice Age Trail! Sometime next month (October). Talk to Joelle Baird if you are interested/have any questions.
- The club will be offering a S-130/S-190 Fire Class during the Spring 2012 Semester. Details to come!
- DNR Forester in Spring Green would like those interested in Forestry Club to help him with a red & white pine thinning. Details of this to come as well. May happen in Spring Semester.

**Other Ideas for Club Activities:**

- Possible Volunteer Opportunity: Invasive Removals
- Forestry Judging Competition
- Kelsey’s parents’ cottage near Hayward, WI. Practice cutting/removing trees.
Final Note:

- We had a great turnout for the 1st meeting of the semester with many new faces. We are very excited to get to know all of you and help to get you more involved in forestry!

   Hopefully we’ll see everyone at the next meeting: Wednesday October 5th @ 6pm in A121 Russell Labs!!