

2007 VARO Trail Skills Training

Want to renew your certification, brush up on trail skills, or learn some new ones? Listed below are training opportunities available for 2007 in southwest and central Virginia. As usual, a number of sawyer courses have been arranged in addition to several non-sawyer courses such as Leave No Trace and "Sustainable Trails," a course designed to teach trail maintainers a basic working knowledge of modern trail design and maintenance techniques. Please review the following schedule (broken up between sawyer and non-sawyer training) and give us a call (540.953.3571) or email (adavis@appalachiantrail.org) to reserve your space.

Sawyer Training

Title: Crosscut Certification**Date(s)/Time:** March 2-3*, Friday 6pm-9pm, Saturday 9am-5pm**Description:** Chainsaw use is prohibited in all federally designated Wilderness areas including areas where the Appalachian Trail passes. The following workshop offers certification for crosscut saw use on the A.T. The course covers all areas of safe and efficient saw use. Participants *may* meet the requirements for certification, which is valid for three years, and may be eligible to order needed personal protective equipment (PPE).**Location:** Konnarock base camp, Sugar Grove, VA**Instructor:** Dennis Helton-USFS

*Note March 2 is a Friday

Title: Chainsaw Certification**Date(s)/Time:** March 24-25, 9am-5pm both days**Description:** The following workshops offer certification for chain-saw use on the A.T. The course covers all areas of safe and efficient saw use. Participants *may* meet the requirements for certification, which is valid for three years, and may be eligible to order needed personal protective equipment (PPE). Those sawyers whose current certification expires in 2005 are encouraged to attend a course using the redesigned curriculum.**Location:** Sherando Lake, VA**Instructor:** Richard Coleman-USFS**Title: Chainsaw Certification****Date(s)/Time:** April 14-15**Description:** The following workshops offer certification for chain-saw use on the A.T. The course covers all areas of safe and efficient saw use. Participants *may* meet the requirements for certification, which is valid for three years, and may be eligible to order needed personal protective equipment (PPE). Those sawyers whose current certification expires in 2005 are encouraged to attend a course using the redesigned curriculum.**Location:** Konnarock base camp, Sugar Grove, VA**Instructor:** Warren Bonham-USFS

Non-Sawyer Training

Title: Corridor Monitoring Workshop

Date(s)/Time: February 16-17

Description: Come explore the woods in out-of-the-ordinary events that will teach participants map-and-compass and route-finding skills. Join the Appalachian Trail Conservancy in workshops to monitor the boundary of A.T. lands. Volunteers are needed for our boundary monitoring program, but all interested persons are encouraged to attend. The Saturday classroom session will review map and compass skills and surveyor's maps; the Sunday session will include an off-trail adventure along the A.T. corridor boundary. If you enjoy being off-trail in the woods, this is the opportunity for you.

Location: ODATC-Richmond, VA

Instructor: Sally Naser, Teresa Martinez-ATC

Title: Leave No Trace "Train the Trainers"

Date(s)/Time: April 13-15

Description: Leave No Trace "Train the Trainers" focuses on the development of the LNT educator, with special attention to influencing changes in outdoor users' attitudes and practices. The course encompasses the history of Leave No Trace, opportunities to teach the LNT principles, philosophical discussions about use and sustainability, awareness exercises, a Leave No Trace service project in the programming area, and the application of an action plan to reach Trainer goals. Course completion will result in Trainer registration with the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics and a certificate.

Location: Blacksburg, VA

Instructor: Teresa Martinez-ATC

Title: Sustainable Trails

Date(s)/Time: April 21-22

Description: Intended for A.T. maintainers, this course will teach participants about modern sustainable trail design and maintenance techniques. Topics to be covered include: new trail design, erosion/trail problems identification, drainage solutions, and special conditions/situations. Following this course, participants will have the necessary tools to assess problems on the ground as well as provide sustainable solutions.

Location: Konnarock base camp, Sugar Grove, VA

Instructor: Kerry Wood, Teresa Martinez-ATC

Title: Wilderness First Aid (WFA)/CPR*

Date(s)/Time: April 28-29*

Description: Originally called Backcountry First Aid, this course was the first wilderness medical training to be taught anywhere in the world. WFA covers the basics and the most common traumatic, medical, and environmental issues that occur in the backcountry. WFA certification is an approved 1st aid course for sawyer certification.

Location: Konnarock base camp, Sugar Grove, VA

Instructor: TBA-Landmark Learning

*CPR certification will be taught the evening (6pm-9pm) of Friday, April 27

Title: Accessibility Workshop**Date(s)/Time:** June 23**Description:** This workshop will introduce strategies and techniques for increasing access on the Appalachian Trail for all users. The workshop will include a morning indoor session, and then an afternoon field session looking at various types of trails available for users of all abilities to enjoy. Along with an introduction to Access issues; the course will also review the USFS Trail Accessibility Guidelines and review components of Accessible facilities.**Location:** Blacksburg, VA**Instructor:** Teresa Martinez-ATC**Title: Leave No Trace "Train the Trainers"****Date(s)/Time:** October 5-7**Description:** Leave No Trace Train the Trainers focuses on the development of the LNT educator, with special attention to influencing changes in outdoor users' attitudes and practices. The course encompasses the history of Leave No Trace, opportunities to teach the LNT principles, philosophical discussions about use and sustainability, awareness exercises, a Leave No Trace service project in the programming area, and the application of an action plan to reach Trainer goals. Course completion will result in Trainer registration with the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics and a certificate.**Location:** Blacksburg, VA**Instructor:** Teresa Martinez-ATC**Title: Volunteer Management Workshop****Date(s)/Time:** October 13**Description:** Come spend a day discussing and learning techniques for recruiting, maintaining and working with volunteers. This will be an interactive workshop reporting current trends in volunteerism, but also come prepared to share your thoughts and ideas.**Location:** Blacksburg, VA**Instructor:** Teresa Martinez-ATC

Interested in training not listed? Give us a call or email with a brief description of your idea and we'll see what we can do!

Thanks,

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