

# Strengthening Forest Stewardship Skills: 2025

## Forestry Shortcourse

Enriches family forest owners' basic understanding of forest planning, forest ecology, silviculture, insects, disease, wildlife habitat, taxes, and other forest stewardship topics (2 UI credits available). *(IMFS)*

**McCall**, July (Dates/Times TBA)

## Family Foresters Workshop

Annual UI/WSU Extension program updating foresters and other professionals on emerging technology and knowledge applicable to family forests.

**Spokane**, Friday, January 24

## Cabin Fever Series

This workshop series focuses on topics that address small-scale agriculture, forestry, and landscaping around the home.

**Orofino**, February 4, 11, 18, 25 (5:30pm-7:30 pm)

## Identifying Idaho's Trees

Learn identification, biology, and ecology of Idaho's most common native forest trees.

**Sandpoint**, Thursday, February 13 (9am-Noon)

**St. Maries**, Thursday, March 13 (1pm-3pm)

**Coeur d'Alene**, Saturday, April 26 (10am-1pm)

**Moscow**, Wednesday, May 15 (5:30pm-7:30pm)

**Moscow**, Wednesday, Sept. 3 (5:30pm-7:30pm)

## Landscaping for Fire Prevention

Forest homeowners learn how to make their home site less likely to burn and easier for firefighters to access in the event of a local forest fire.

**Sandpoint**, February 20 (9am-Noon)

**St. Maries**, Thursday, March 27 (1pm-4pm)

**Moscow**, Thursday, May 22 (5:30pm-7:30pm)

## Backyard Forests

Homeowners with small forest acreages learn how to apply basic forestry to "home landscape" forests.

**Bonniers Ferry**, Thursday, February 20 (1pm-4pm)

**Orofino**, May (Date/Time TBA)

## LEAP Update

Deepens and expands on training provided in Logger Education to Advance Professionalism (LEAP).

**Lewiston**, Tuesday, March 4

**St. Maries**, Wednesday, March 5

**Sandpoint**, Thursday, March 6

## Intro to Backyard Nursery Production

Learn about native plant nurseries and the basics of how to develop your own backyard nursery.

**St. Maries**, Thursday, March 6

## Map and Compass for Forestry

Features 2-3 hours interpreting topo maps, followed by field activities using magnetic compasses to identify locations and distances.

**Sandpoint**, Saturday, March 22

## Family Forest Owners/Managers Conference

Annual conference of the Idaho Forest Owners Association and the Idaho Tree Farm program.

**Moscow**, March 24-25

## Idaho Master Forest Stewards 2025

Idaho Master Forest Stewards receive over 70 hours of education to help them better manage their forest and help other forest owners. The training includes several of the sessions listed on this calendar - see *(IMFS)*, and the four 1-day "core sessions" which will be announced in early 2025:

**IMFS Core Sessions** (Four 1-day sessions - Dates TBA)

**IMFS Spring Gathering, Sandpoint**, Friday, May 16

**IMFS Fall Gathering, Moscow**, Friday, September 26

Learn more about Idaho Master Forest Stewards at:  
[www.uidaho.edu/extension/forestry/panhandle/programs/master-stewards](http://www.uidaho.edu/extension/forestry/panhandle/programs/master-stewards)

## Successful Tree Planting

Two hours indoors on reforestation methods followed by tree planting field activities.

**Plummer**, Friday, March 28 (1pm to 5 pm)

## Women in the Woods

Learn what Idaho women and family landowners are doing to promote better forest management. Will have an associated field day in late spring.

**Coeur d'Alene**, Friday, April 4

**Sandpoint (Field Day)**, Friday, May 9

## Forestry Career Fair

Join industry partners to learn about career opportunities and available job openings in the natural resources field.

**Orofino**, Monday, April 7

## 10 Acres and a Dream

Forest owners and other landowners will learn about the basics of rural land ownership and paths to caring for and generating income from small land parcels.

**Sandpoint**, Saturday, April 19

## Forest Owner Field Day

Farmers, ranchers, and other forest owners will learn about silviculture, forest insects & disease, and thinning.

**Driggs**, Late Spring/Summer (Date TBA)

**Valley County**, Late Spring/Summer (Date TBA)

**Latah County**, Late Spring/Summer (Date TBA)

## Forest Edibles and Foraging

Learn about huckleberries, mushrooms, medicines, herbs, and a variety of other foods that can be harvested in forests for personal or commercial use.

**Orofino**, Friday May 16

## Chainsaw Basics

Learn practical, hands-on skills related to safely operating and maintaining gas and battery-powered chainsaws.

**St. Maries**, May (Date/Time TBA)

**McCall**, May/June (Date/Time TBA)

**Orofino**, June 20<sup>th</sup> (Time TBA)

**Moscow**, July (Date/Time TBA)

**Boise**, (Date/Time TBA)

**Eastern Idaho**, (Date/Time TBA)

## Logger Education to Advance Professionalism (LEAP)

Helps loggers improve their skills related to forest ecology, silviculture, and water quality.

**Moscow**, April 22-24

**Coeur d'Alene**, April 29-May 1

## Pruning to Restore White Pine

Covers disease cycles and identification and pruning methods to reduce western white pine mortality from blister rust.

**Sandpoint**, Friday, June 13

## Thinning and Pruning Field Day

Includes 2-3 hours indoors, followed by a hands-on field tour to learn about forest growth, forest genetics, thinning, and pruning. *(IMFS)*

**Bonniers Ferry**, Saturday, June 14

## Measuring Your Trees

Participants learn how to measure species composition, density, and other forest characteristics to better inform management decisions *(IMFS)*.

**Sandpoint**, Saturday, July 19 (8am-5pm)

## Natural Resources Workshop Youth Camp

A camp for 12- to 16-year-olds and teachers who want to learn about our natural environment, and how to protect it and use it wisely.

**Ketchum**, Saturday, June 19-24

## Restoring Idaho Streams

Learn about stream restoration fundamentals, as well as simple and elaborate techniques to improve stream health, function, and stability.

**St. Maries**, Friday, July 25

## Forest Insects & Disease Field Day

A full day of first-hand contact with insects and diseases that affect forest growth and health, with discussions of related management strategies. *(IMFS)*

**Bonniers Ferry**, Friday, August 1

## Where the Forest Meets the Range

A field tour highlighting integrated rangeland and forest management practices.

**North Central Idaho**, August (Date TBA)

## Turning Idaho Trees into Wreaths

Learn to make a fresh wreath using native evergreens. Includes hands-on time to create your own wreath.

**New Meadows**, Saturday, November 15 (Time TBA)

**Orofino**, Saturday, November 22 (Time TBA)

**Moscow**, Saturday, November 29 (10am-Noon)

**Moscow**, Saturday, November 29 (1pm-3pm)

**Plummer**, Monday, December 1 (Time TBA)

**St Maries**, Thursday, December 4 (Time TBA)

## Current Topics in Forest Health

Provides updates on methods to manage problematic animals, plants, insects, and fungi. The Clearwater County session includes agriculture topics.

**Orofino**, Friday, December 5

**Coeur d'Alene**, Friday, December 12

For more specific information on these and other UI Extension Forestry programs in your locale, see the contacts listed below or go to: [www.uidaho.edu/extension/forestry](http://www.uidaho.edu/extension/forestry)

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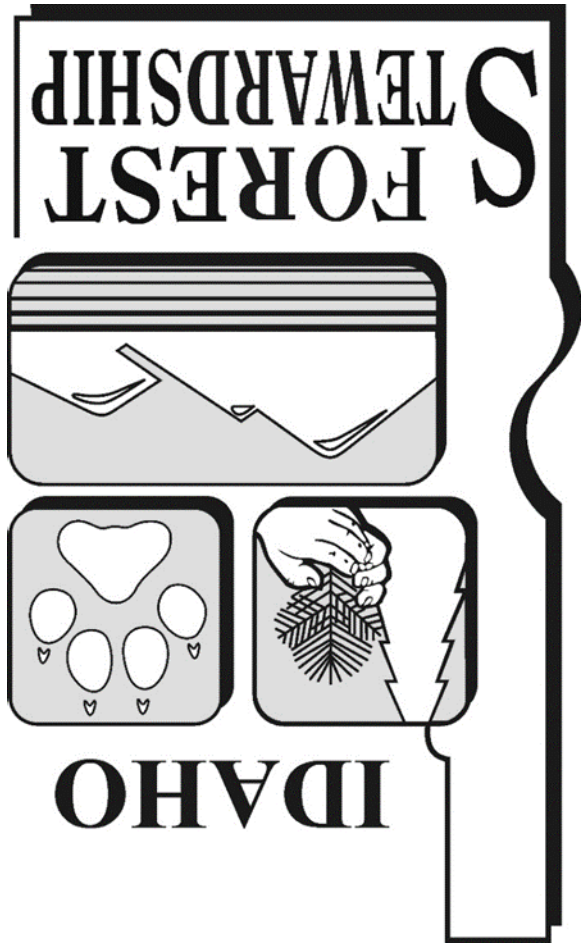
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# 2025 Program Calendar



## Strengthening Forest Stewardship Skills

### Idaho's Family Forests

Idaho has abundant forest land. Many people do not realize that over 2 million acres of Idaho forests (over 40% of the forests in some Idaho counties) are owned and managed by thousands of family forest owners. Each landowner usually has many unique goals for their forest property. However, one goal common to most forest landowners is to steward their forest land for their own goals and future generations.

The educational programs listed herein are designed to help family forest owners and those who work with them strengthen their forest stewardship skills.

All programs require pre-registration (including a small fee to offset program costs). To register for a program, contact the University of Idaho Extension office in the county where that program will be held. For specific program information, go to the University of Idaho Extension Forestry web site at [www.uidaho.edu/extension/forestry](http://www.uidaho.edu/extension/forestry) or see the contacts listed inside this flyer.



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- Idaho Department of Lands*
- University of Idaho Extension*
- U.S.D.A. Forest Service*
- Idaho Forest Owners Association*
- Idaho Tree Farm Program*
- Consulting Foresters*
- Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts*
- U.S.D.A. Natural Resources Conservation Service*
- Idaho Department of Fish and Game*
- U.S.D.I. Fish and Wildlife Service*
- Idaho Nature Conservancy*
- Idaho Association of RC&D Councils*
- Intermountain Forest Association*
- Nez Perce Tribal Forestry*
- Idaho Native Plant Society*
- Idaho Forest Products Commission*
- Idaho Sustainable Forestry Initiative State Implementation Committee*
- Associated Logging Contractors of Idaho*

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