**TRAINING CLASSES**

**CSAW Level 1**

Level 1 is a full 8-hour class with a lecture portion in the morning and a hands-on portion in the afternoon.

The topics covered in lecture Level I are: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), safety features of the chainsaw head, five-point safety check, maintenance of the power head and guide bar, components of the saw tooth, angles and their functions, proper filing, and the reactive forces of the chain and guide bar.

The topics covered in the field section of the class are: benefits of open-face felling, benefits of using a hinge and bore method, five step pre-felling plan, tree felling demonstration, participant tree felling.

At the end of the program, participants should be able to list and discuss all topics covered in the morning lecture portion as well as demonstrate felling a tree using the five step pre-felling plan, open face felling, and the hinge and bore method.

**CSAW Level II**

Level 2 is a full 8-hour class with a lecture portion in the morning and a hands-on portion in the afternoon.

In CSAW Level II, individuals are taught a variety of felling techniques. The primary focus of Level II is to advance the skills participants were taught in Level I by demonstrating how to safely limb and buck felled timber. This often involves dealing with the safety hazards that are created when a tree is felled, such as spring poles. Many of these situations are parallel to those that arise when dealing with timber that is downed by uprooting, so this level can be valuable to those dealing with storm damage, trail maintenance, etc.

Other topics discussed in Level II deal with larger trees, wedging, efficiency, and quality issues.

CSAW Level II can cover a broad range of topics, and curriculum focus will be determined based on group demographics.

**CSAW Custom**

CSAW Custom is a 4-hour or 8-hour class that can be tailored for your group’s specific needs. This class is designed to cover the same indoor lecture topics as Level 1 but not as in-depth on each topic. In CSAW Custom, each participant will not fell a tree, however, each participant may have the opportunity to use a chainsaw to cut an already downed tree in order to show the ability to handle the saw. The field portion of this class will focus more on trees that are already on the ground. This class is geared toward landowners, volunteers, and people who need the skills to saw felled trees. CSAW Custom meets the requirements to operate a chainsaw as a volunteer on State Forest Lands.

For pricing, registration information and dates of upcoming classes please visit www.OhioForest.org or contact the Ohio Forestry Association at (888) 388-7337.

Ohio Forestry Association members receive discounted registration fees.
CSAW CHAINSAW TRAINING

The CSAW chainsaw safety program provides up-to-date and thorough chainsaw training to all participants. We offer the most current technology and safety information to the participants.

OFA strives to make the CSAW program worthwhile and affordable for everyone involved. The CSAW instructors are knowledgeable, experienced and well-respected in their field.

- **Ryan Redoutey** of Redoutey Logging, located in McDermott, OH, has been teaching chainsaw safety since 1999 and was trained directly by Soren Erickson, founder of the Game of Logging. Ryan has taught numerous students ranging from loggers to landowners. Ryan and his family business, Redoutey Logging, were the 2009 National Loggers of the Year.

- **Brock Couture** of Couture Forestry Services, located in Newton Falls, OH, has been teaching since 2007 and in that time, he has taught numerous students. Brock completed his training under Ryan.

- **Scott Brenner** is the co-owner of Endor’s Arborist & Rope Supply, a locally owned retail and training outlet for those in the tree, landscape, utility and tower industries. Scott is an accredited TCIA trainer and has conducted chainsaw training for the Ohio Bureau of Workers Comp.

- **Ed Farris** of Millfield, OH has been an instructor with OFA since 2009. In his career he has worked in private industry and for the Division of Forestry. He has over 28 years of experience as a sawmill operator, Sawyer, log buyer, sawing and logging foremen, and conducted Wildfires-S212 Trainings.

OFA educates their own trainers to ensure that the same information is being taught in each of our classes.