

CHAINSAW TRAINING

One-time special offering

Basic Training = Day 1 in classroom

Advanced Training = Day 2-4 in the woods
cutting trees

April 16, 2018 (Monday) 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM CST

4-H camp –2702 8th Street SW, Washburn, ND

Class limit: **30** attendees - **\$75** registration fee, includes lunch



April 17-19, 2018 (Tuesday – Thursday) 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM CST

4-H camp –2702 8th Street SW, Washburn, ND

Class limit: **12** attendees - **\$500** registration fee, includes lunches (not breakfasts & dinners)
and overnight accommodations in the new 4-H camp bunkhouses.

Limited Time Offer! First 10 registrants to email the code “ChainsawsRule” to ndltap@ugpti.org will receive a \$200 grant, reducing the price of the April 17-19 class from \$500 to \$300 per person.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: April 9, 2018 | (NDLTAP will invoice post-training)

DAY 1 = Classroom

Topics covered include ethanol gas and its effects on two-cycle engines; simple ways to maintain the saw to keep it ready for use at all times; carburetor tuning and adjusting; chain sharpening techniques; air cleaner maintenance; and more. During this class we will actually work on your equipment and go through each step, identify, and fix (if possible) problems as we encounter them. Class is 8 hours. Participants should bring their own chainsaw.

DAY 2-4 = Hands-On Session

Day 2-3. Topics covered include basic safety equipment, PPE, the saw's reactive forces, chain tooth parts, felling, notch and hinge, cutting techniques, wedging techniques and calculations. This class is designed for professionals or homeowners and is designed to be a 16-hour course that includes a hands-on portion where each student fells one tree. All students are required to have a helmet with face shield, hearing protection, safety glasses, chainsaw resistant chaps, leather work gloves or chainsaw resistant gloves, and work boots. Participants should bring a chainsaw – it will need to pass a safety test prior to use. The instructor will have chainsaws for use if participants do not have a chainsaw or theirs fails the safety test. Some PPE is available to loan.

Day 4. Advanced class for chainsaw operators who will be dealing with trees that have come down due to severe weather. This class will teach techniques to relieve pressure commonly found in storm-damaged trees. Topics include hazards, spring poles, hangers and leaners pulls and splits, and others. All students are required to have a helmet with face shield.

Participants are encouraged to stay at the camp – enjoy the walking paths along the river, sit around a bonfire, learn chainsaw carving basics after each day.



Mike Smith, Chainsaw Strategies of Massachusetts, has been operating chainsaws for over 20 years. He is also a 25-year veteran firefighter. Mike has taken extensive training in the field of chainsaw operation. His teaching style includes a healthy portion of humor and student interaction. The hands-on portion of Mike's classes are always interesting. After all, watching trees fall is always fun! **TIMBER!!**

Need help? Contact us at ndltap@ugpti.org or 701-328-9855