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Maryland: Forestry Correspondence Course

Landowners, farmers and others interested in forestry can learn to manage their wood lots for timber products, wildlife and overall forest health by taking a General Forestry Correspondence Course developed by Maryland Cooperative Extension specialists at the University of Maryland's College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Registrations are being accepted now for the spring 2002 semester.

The General Forestry Correspondence Course provides the basics of forestry, forest ecology and forest health. Studying in the comfort of their home, students learn how to protect trees from insects, diseases and fire, and explore the details of the forestry business, including tax nuances and the sale and harvest of forest products. They can use their own property, a friend's forest or nearby public lands to apply practical exercises in forest management. Ultimately, the course exercises help them develop an actual forest management plan.

The General Forestry Correspondence Course is presented as a notebook of lessons and supplemental readings. Its six units each contain several lessons with questions at the end of each unit. Maryland Cooperative Extension experts at the university's Wye Research and Education Center correct answers and return them throughout the course, so students have constant feedback.

As part of the \$150 registration fee, learners receive a General Forestry Correspondence Course text notebook and a separate Appendices packed with resources. Supplemental readings provided include A Sand County Almanac, The Woodland Steward: A Practical Guide to the Management of Small Private Forests and American Forests: A History of Resiliency and Recovery. A certificate of completion is awarded when all assignments are completed.

For more information or to register, contact Bob Tjaden or Nancy Stewart at the Wye Research and Education Center, P.O. Box 169, Queenstown, MD 21658; phone 410-827-8056; email.umd.edu or ns111@umail.umd.edu.

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