This program is designed for novice or amateur chainsaw users who wish to improve their skills and to operate their saw safely. This is a “hands-on” course. Students bring their own saws, practice the skills taught and have the opportunity to fell trees under the guidance of a professional instructor. Topics covered include: personal protective equipment, routine saw maintenance, chain sharpening, notching and boring techniques, safe felling practices, using wedges, limbing, and handling difficult trees.

Instructor Bill Girard of Girard Custom Cut Hardwoods is a Certified Instructor for the world-renowned “Game of Logging” chainsaw training program. He has been a full-time logger for 24 years. He also owns and operates a portable sawmill and a variety of logging equipment.

**WHEN:** May 13, 2006 (8am-4pm)

**WHERE:** Goodwin Forest Conservation Center
23 Potter Road, Hampton, CT

**COST:** $125 per person

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