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The General Forestry Course

The University of Maryland Extension will offer the **General Forestry Course** for the Fall 2016 semester. Both the **PAPER AND ONLINE** version will be offered. The course begins September 1 and runs until December 15, 2016. **Registration opens June 1. To register, go to our website at <http://extension.umd.edu/forestry-course>.**

This is a **non-credit** course. As there are no formal classes, you work from the comfort of your home using your own woodlot, a friend's or a public forest. You will learn how to protect your trees from insects, diseases and fire; step-by-step procedures will walk you through a forest inventory and stand analysis; and the details of the forestry business are presented, including tax nuances and the sale and harvest of forest products. Ultimately, the course exercises help you develop the framework for a stewardship plan for your forest.

The cost for this forestry course is \$300. Included in the cost are copies of the supplemental readings (*A Sand County Almanac*, *The Woodland Steward*, *American Forests: A History of Resiliency and Recovery*, a small pamphlet entitled *What Tree Is That?* and *Common Native Trees of Virginia Tree Identification Guide*). The paper version text and appendices are in binder form. Online users receive a flash drive of the paper version of the text and appendices. A certificate of completion is awarded when all assignments are completed.

But don't take our word for it. See it for yourself on our website at **<http://extension.umd.edu/forestry-course>**. There you can read a lesson from the text, view an interactive exercise, read through detailed course information and FAQs.

For more information, contact Nancy Stewart at the University of Maryland Extension, Wye Research and Education Center, P.O. Box 169, Queenstown, MD, 21658; phone 410/827-8056, ext. 107; or email nstewar1@umd.edu. **Check for details on our website today and mark the June 1 date for open enrollment on your calendar!**