

**2024 NJ WOODLAND STEWARDS  
TRAINING AGENDA  
(Preliminary)**

**Thursday 9/19**

Arrival/Registration/Check-in	4:00 – 5:15pm
Dinner	5:30 – 6:30pm
I. Welcome, Introductions, Orientation, Overview	6:30 – 7:30pm
II. Brief Background and Forest History of the Host Property	7:30 – 8:00pm
III. Legal Issues for Forest Landowners	8:00 – 9:00pm
IV. Identifying Management Interests and Objectives for the Woodlot	9:00 – 9:15pm

**Friday 9/20**

Breakfast	8:00 – 8:30am
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**Session 1. Tree ID & Wildlife Ecology**

I. Tree ID Field Session	8:30 – 10:30am
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Break	10:30 – 10:45am
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II. Wildlife Ecology	10:45 – 11:45am
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III. Resources Available to Forest Landowners – Technical Assistance	11:45 – 12:15pm
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Lunch	12:30 – 1:00pm
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**Session 1. Continued**

IV. Non-native Invasive Plants in the Woodlot	1:00 – 2:00pm
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V. Field Session	2:00 – 5:30pm
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Dinner	5:30 – 6:30pm
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**Session 2. Fire and Forests**

I. Fire and Forestry in New Jersey	6:30 – 7:30pm
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II. FireWise Program	7:30 – 8:30pm
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**Session 3. Important Topics for Thought and Planning**

Program Goals, Roles, and Responsibilities	8:30 – 9:00pm
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**Saturday 9/21**

Breakfast	8:00 – 8:30am
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**Session 4. Forest Wildlife Management and Forest Ecology**

Forestry Management Considerations for Bats, Bugs, and Birds	8:30 – 9:45am
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Break	9:45 – 10:00am
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Reptiles and Amphibians of New Jersey's Vernal Pools 10:00 – 11:15am

**Session 5. Woodland Owner Objectives and Planning**

I. Landowner Objectives 11:15 – 11:45am

II. Developing a Forest Management Plan 11:45 – 12:30pm

Lunch 12:30 – 1:00pm

**Session 6. Forest Wildlife Management and Forest Ecology (Cont.)**

Vernal Pond Visit/Wildlife 1:00 – 4:30pm

Forest Ecology (Classroom) 4:30 – 5:30pm

Dinner 5:30 – 6:30pm

**Session 7. Woodland Owner Objectives and Planning (Cont.)**

Forest Products 6:30 – 7:15pm

**Session 8. Forest Health, Insect Ecology, and Invasive Species**

Forest Health and Forest Pathogens 7:15 – 8:00pm

Forest Insects, Invasive Insects 8:00 – 8:30pm

**Session 9. Volunteering in Your Community** 8:30 – 9:00pm

**Sunday 9/22**

Breakfast 8:00 – 8:30am

**Session 10. Water**

Forests and Water 8:30 – 9:15am

Break 9:15 - 9:30am

**Session 11. Silviculture and Field Forest Ecology**

Silviculture and Forest Management 9:30 – 10:30am

Field Session 10:30 – 12:30pm

Lunch 12:30 – 1:00pm

**Session 12. Urban Forestry; and Your Volunteer Project**

Urban and Community Forestry 1:00 – 2:00pm

**Discussion Session. Roundtable, Evaluations, Awards and Wrap-up** 2:00 – 3:00pm