



Working Schedule of Fall 2019 Training Class

section	week	Date/ time/ location	Topics	Instructors	Reading
Tree Basics	1	Start 9:00 ICNA Sept. 3	<u>Welcome</u> Logistics & Introductions Intro to Tree ID and Use of Dichotomous Keys <u>Introductory tree walk</u>	CATS Members Emily Ferguson Ellen Powell, VDoF & Emily Ferguson	Benefits of trees- handout
	2	Start 9:00 ICNA Sept. 10	Website Overview Intro to CATS organization <u>Hands on - Parts of a Tree</u> _Twigs, Bark, Leaves, &- Nuts	CATS Members Tony Russell, VNPS	
	3	Start 9:00 ICNA Sept. 17	Volunteer time-writing Practice Tree ID (general features of leaves) <u>Tree Biology</u>	CATS Members Steve Carroll Director of Public Programs, Blandy	Unit1 – How Trees Grow Unit 3 -Tree Life Functions
Ecology	4	Start 9:30 ICNA Sept. 24	<u>Forest Ecology Walk</u>	VDoF David Powell	Handout on Forest Succession
	5	Start 9:30 ICNA Oct. 1	<u>Tree Families</u> <u>Wildlife and trees</u>	Will Hueston CATS Members	
	6	Start 9:30 ICNA Oct. 8	<u>Pest and Diseases in VA Forests</u> <u>Invasive Plants</u>	Katlin Mooneyham VDoF CATS Members	Invasive Plants of Southern Forests
	7	Start 9:30 ICNA Oct. 15	<u>Roots</u> <u>Tree site selection and prep</u>	Michael Abbott , Bartlett Adam Downing	Unit 5-Trees in the Community Unit 6-Soils and Water Unit 7 – Tree Selection
Working with Trees	8	Start 9:30 ICNA Oct. 22	<u>Tree Planting & Care</u> Tree ID practice (leaf margins)	Mike Neal Arboristry Associates, ISA Certified Arborist	Unit 8 Tree Planting and Care
	9	Start 9:30 DoF * Oct. 29	Practice Tree ID (conifers) <u>Tree Pruning</u> <u>Winter tree ID - Bark</u>	CATS Members	Brochures on Pruning Young Trees Pruning Mature Trees
	10	Start 9:30 Nov. 5	<u>Workday – Pruning practice</u>	CATS Members	
	11	Start 9:30 ICNA Nov. 12	Practice Tree ID (oaks) <u>Tree Risk Assessment</u>	CATS Members Rob Farrell, VA State Forester, VDoF	Unit 10 - Tree Problems
	12	Start 9:30 ICNA Nov. 19	Return tests, diplomas Tree ID quiz , and review Tree Steward activities	CATS Members	