


CATS 2023 Syllabus		Website
Online Study Topics and Reading Assignments		Field Sessions
Course Start - August 8th, 7:00-9:00 PM Class Orientation Webinar - Zoom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intro to the Course • Intro to MOODLE • Benefits of Trees to Humans • Benefits of Trees to Nature 		Class Introduction Zoom August 8 th
Complete by August 25 th		
Module 1: Introduction and Tree ID 101 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intro to CATS • Tree Biology • Tree ID: Introduction • Using iNaturalist for Plant ID (optional) 	Tree Stewards Manual Units 1, 2 & 4	Tree Walk 1 August 26 th ICNA 9:30- 12:30
Complete by September 8 th		
Module 2: Forest Ecology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intro to CATS Member Portal • Recording Volunteer Hours Using TIF • Forest Ecology • Trees and Wildlife • Conifers 	Tree Stewards Manual Unit 3	Forest Ecology Walk September 9 th ICNA 9:30- 12:30
Complete by September 22 nd		
Module 3: Tree ID 201 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intro to CATS Photo Library • Tree Families • Tree ID Using Twigs • Winter Tree ID 		Tree Walk 2 September 23 rd Site: Va. Dept. of Forestry 9:30- 12:30
Complete by October 6 th		
Module 4: Forest Health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insect Pests • Tree Diseases • Invasive Plants 	Tree Stewards Manual Unit 9	Invasive Plant ID and Control October 7 th Site: Pen Park 9:30- 12:30
Complete by October 20 th		
Module 5: Pruning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roots • Tree Risk Assessment • Pruning 	Tree Stewards Manual Units 7 & 8	Pruning October 21 th Site: Berkmar Drive 9:30- 12:30
Complete by November 3 rd		
Module 6: Planting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site Selection and Preparation for Planting • Tree Planting and Care • Urban Trees 	Tree Stewards Manual Units 5, 6 & 10	Tree Planting November 4 th Site: TBD 9:30- 12:30
All coursework and make up field sessions completed - November 4 th		
Graduation Day Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Award Certificates • CATS Organizational Structure Review • Tree ID Summary Quiz (in-person) • Potluck Social 		Graduation Day November 18 th Site: ICNA 9:30 - 12:30