

# **FSC ASSESSOR TRAINING WORKSHOP**

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This workshop is intended to expose forest managers from both industry and government to the forest certification processes in Ontario and internationally.

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## **The Learning Forest Initiative**

### *Rainforest Alliance/SmartWood and The Forestry Research Partnership*

The Rainforest Alliance/SmartWood is offering an intensive 3 ½ - day workshop **at the Canadian Ecology Centre, April 10-13, 2006 in Mattawa, Ontario**. The course is designed to orient and prepare current and future professionals involved in forest management to perform as members of a Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certification team for SmartWood and to provide other interested stakeholders with a detailed understanding of the FSC standards, their application and the certification process.

### **Why Should I Attend?**

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**Cost: 1500 \$CAN (+ taxes) Single occupancy**  
**1325 \$CAN (+ taxes) Double occupancy**

Includes all course material, Distance Learning, lodging and meals for the duration of workshop

## Workshop Agenda

This training workshop will begin at 4:00pm on April 10 and last for 3 ½ very full days.

### **Monday April 10<sup>th</sup>** (½ day, afternoon):

- Teambuilding exercise
- Certification Overview

### **Tuesday April 11<sup>th</sup>:**

- Assessment Process, Tools, and Strategies
- Pre-assessment Preparation
- Exercise: Assessment Team planning and strategy

### **Wednesday April 12<sup>th</sup>:**

- Team field site Exercise
- Stakeholder Interviews
- Team collaboration

### **Thursday April 13<sup>th</sup>:**

- Group Presentation of Findings
- Debriefing and learning on decision making methodologies
- Debriefing and learning on assessment strategies
- The Model Assessor
- Q & A and discussion
- Evaluation, closure, and graduation

### **For further information please contact**

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