Forestry School Agenda & Registration  
Silviculture, Recreation and Wildlife Management  
June 4, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Michael Snyder will lead this session on silviculture, recreation and wildlife management with emphasis on techniques used by foresters, wildlife biologists and landowners to implement multiple, inter-related objectives in forest management. The field site is the Sterling Forest in Stowe, which is a 1,750-acre municipal forest that is heavily used for recreation, including VAST snow machine trails, VIMBA mountain bike trails, and the Catamount Trail, but is also actively managed for forest products and wildlife habitat. A conservation easement on the property is held by the Vermont Land Trust.

Sponsored by the Vermont Woodlands Association & the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation.

8:30 - 9:00 Meet at Stowe Town Hall (Akeley Memorial Building), 67 Main Street in Stowe village.  
- Refreshments, get acquainted

9:00 - 9:15 Welcome and Introductions: David Paganelli, Vermont Woodlands Association Board member and Orange County Forester

9:15 - 10:45 Silviculture of Northern Hardwood and Mixedwood Forests, Concepts and Practice: Michael Snyder, Commissioner Vermont Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation and former Chittenden County Forester

10:45 - 11:00 Break, refreshments

11:00 - 11:45 Habitat Requirements of Migratory Songbirds in Vermont: Steve Hagenbuch, Conservation Biologist with Audubon Vermont.

11:45 - 12:00 Introduction to Sterling Forest (afternoon field site): Michael Snyder and Tom Jackman, Stowe Town Planner.

12:00 - 12:30 Lunch: not provided

12:30 - 1:00 Travel to Sterling Forest

1:00 - 3:30 Walking tour of recent forest management activities. Michael Snyder will discuss landowner objectives, silviculture and operational methods used to accomplish many inter-related forestry objectives. Steve Hagenbuch will discuss the effects of recent forest management on migratory songbirds.

3:30 Program Complete: Have a safe trip home.

Directions to Stowe Town Hall – Stowe, Vermont: From I-89. Exit 10: Travel 9.6 miles north on Route 100 to the Akeley Memorial Building on the left just after the junction with Route 108. From Morrisville: Travel 8.8 miles south on Route 100 to Stowe village. The Akeley Memorial Building is on the right, just before the intersection with Route 108.

Please complete and return with your check for $25 (non-refundable) per person to VWA, Forestry School, PO Box 6004, Rutland, VT 05702-6004 no later than May 30, 2011.