

Bear Safety & Awareness



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Recognized training provider for Bear Safety & Awareness

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FROM: MARITIME COLLEGE OF FOREST TECHNOLOGY
SUBJECT: Wednesday, May 8th, 2024 at 1:00 PM course offering

The Maritime College of Forest Technology's Department of Continuing Education is pleased to offer **Bear Safety & Awareness** training with Karl Branch, Bear Behaviour Expert, as the instructor. The course date is **Wednesday, May 8th, 2024 at 1:00 PM**. This half-day workshop will be delivered in Room 230 of Blenis Hall on the Fredericton Campus of MCFT, Hugh John Flemming Forestry Centre, 1350 Regent Street, Fredericton, NB. Specific course details, including an agenda, instructor profile, application form, and tuition costs, are included in the attached announcement.

Enrolment is open to the public. Anyone who works or recreates in woodlands or waterways will benefit from the safety knowledge presented during this course. The classroom session will be combined with a practical field session.

Past course participants have all commented on Karl's excellent presentation technique and the quality of the information provided. Participant numbers are limited to 30 per course. Private sessions for your industry or agency will be entertained on a case-by-case basis.

If you have any questions or wish to reserve a seat on this or any other course, please email ce@mcft.ca.

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DATE: Wednesday, May 8th, 2024 at 1:00 PM

LOCATION: Blenis Hall, Room 228, Maritime College of Forest Technology, 1350 Regent St., Fredericton NB. E3C 2G6

OBJECTIVES: This program is designed to help participants:

- Understand the dangers that exist in and around woodlands with respect to bears.
- Demonstrate and practice the procedures to help avoid contact with bears.
- Show and demonstrate appropriate safety actions to take when confronted by bears.

CANDIDATES: This program is open to the public and designed for people whose work or recreation will take them into or near any wooded areas and waterways where bears live. This is often closer to cities and rural communities than one typically realizes.

FORMAT: **Bear Safety & Awareness** training will be conducted in an informal manner. The training will combine a classroom session covering bear biology, behaviour, avoidance and dealing with aggressive animals, and a practical field session on the safe use of deterrents. This clearly and logically presented material was highly praised by previous course participants for its hands-on and applicability to real-life situations.

FACILITATOR: Karl Branch is a Registered Professional Forester in New Brunswick. Karl is a graduate of the University of New Brunswick, where he obtained a Bachelor of Science in Forestry with a major in Wildlife Management. Karl has, over his 30-year forestry career, worked in both British Columbia and New Brunswick. Karl recently retired as Executive Director of the Bathurst campus of MCFT. He has been an instructor for MCFT for over 20 years. Before this, Karl worked in British Columbia's interior and coastal regions, where he had to deal with Black and Grizzly bears regularly.

An avid explorer, Karl has mounted multiple expeditions in northern Canada within grizzly, black bear and polar bear habitats. His multiple interactions with bears have

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given him significant insight into their behaviour, habits, and communication methods over the years.

Karl is fully bilingual and is an excellent presenter in both official languages.

ENROLMENT: Enrolment will be limited to 30 candidates on a first come-first served basis.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

MCFT has a room rental agreement in place with the Fredericton Inn. Please use the code **MCFT** when booking your room to get our discounted price.

For reservations, please call 1-800-561-8777.

NUTRITION BREAK:

MCFT will supply you with a nutrition break at approximately 2:00 PM, consisting of coffee, water, juice, and muffins.

TUITION: Tuition for the program, including supplies, is \$150.00 + HST.

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is equivalent to 4 Continuing Forestry Education Credits.

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