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NHLA Inspector Training School to be Held in Oil City, Pa.
2009 Summer Program to Offer Memphis-Based Education Off-Site

MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE – The National Hardwood Lumber Association will once again take the Inspector Training School on the road this summer to Oil City, PA making it easier and more affordable for people in the surrounding area to attend. The class is set for June 8 - Aug. 14 and will be held at the Venango Technology Center.

The Inspector Training School teaches the rules and applications of the NHLA grading system and prepares students for a career in the hardwood industry.

“NHLA is pleased to take the Inspector Training School back to Oil City this summer, as numerous hardwood industry related companies call this region of the country home. In addition, placing the School in Oil City provides Pennsylvanians and others in the surrounding area with an opportunity that they would otherwise only receive in Memphis,” said Crystal Oldham, NHLA Director of Education.

The program is a group effort between NHLA, Clarion University–Venango Campus, Keystone Community Education Council (KCEC), as well as the Allegheny Hardwood Utilization Group (AHUG) and with the contribution of Ron Jones Hardwood Sales, Inc.

NHLA Inspector Training School Instructor, Rich Hascher will again travel to Pennsylvania and preside over the class, giving the students the same tradition of excellence they would receive in Memphis.

Wood product employers in the north central and northwest region of Pennsylvania are eligible for tuition reimbursement through the AHUG Lumber and Wood Industry Partnership. To learn more about reimbursement through the AHUG office please call 814-837-8550. For more information regarding the summer school program and enrollment, contact Lance Hummer at Keystone Community Education Council at 814-677-4427 or email l.hummer@csonline.net.

The NHLA Inspector Training School was established in 1948 by NHLA to help fill an increasing demand for skilled lumber inspectors. This unique program has earned worldwide respect, consequently attracting students from throughout the United States, Canada, Europe, Africa, South America and Asia. Since its inception, the NHLA Inspector Training School has graduated more than 6,700 students.

The world’s largest and oldest hardwood industry association, NHLA represents 1400 companies and individuals that produce, use and sell North American hardwood lumber, or provide equipment, supplies or services to the hardwood industry. It was founded in 1898 to establish a uniform system of grading rules for the measurement and inspection of hardwood lumber. Since 1980, its headquarters have been in Memphis, Tenn. To learn more about NHLA, please visit www.nhla.com.

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