Prescribed burn training - Basic Crew Member

This one-day class follows the curriculum established by the Wisconsin Prescribed Fire Council for Basic Crew Member. It will use the course developed for TPE by Rob Baller, and modified by the instructor. Burn techniques and information in the class cover typical prescribed fires we perform in the Midwest. The instruction is not geared for western wildland firefighting like the S-130 and S-190 courses of the National Wildfire Coordinating Group, and the class does not include certification for those courses.

Date: Saturday, March 21, 2020
Time: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Location: La Crosse District Visitor Center, Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge, N5727 County Road Z, Onalaska, WI
Class size: Limited to 25 students
Cost: Free for TPE members; $25 for non-members (includes TPE membership; to be paid the day of the class)
Lunch: Bring your own.

Hands-on field training with live-fire is not included in the class. It is recommended that students participate in two prescribed burns by shadowing experienced crew members before participating as a crew member.

To register for the class, or if you have any questions, contact Jim Rogala at jrogala58@gmail.com

Course modules:
INTRODUCTION (estimated time 10 min.)
FIRE ECOLOGY – WHY BURN? (estimated time 45 min.)
FIRE INFLUENCES (estimated time 1 hour)
BURN TECHNIQUES (estimated time 1 hour)
SAFTEY (estimated time 30 min.)
CREW ASSIGNMENTS (estimated time 45 min.)
BURN PLANS (estimated time 30 min.)
EQUIPMENT OVERVIEW (estimated time 30 min.)

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