



A.J. KEATING

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SCHOOL

Forest Management
Southeastern Community College
BS Forest Management
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FAVORITE PART OF THE JOB

"I like coming to a job and making sure everything is running smoothly. Every day is a challenge, and I like finding ways to overcome those challenges."

WHY FORESTRY?

"I loved being in the woods, hunting and fishing with my dad. As a teenager, I worked on a tobacco farm but I did not think about forestry as a career until I participated in Future Farmers of America in high school."

ADVICE

"Learn every aspect of logging by working for a company and gaining experience. It is important to be well rounded and know how to operate multiple machines and be able to do a variety of jobs."



LOGGER

LOGGERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR HARVESTING TREES TO PROVIDE THE RAW MATERIAL FOR THE FOREST PRODUCTS INDUSTRY.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Direct all aspects of the logging job, including:
 - Coordinate with foresters and timber buyers
 - Supervise logging crew and projects
 - Operate all logging equipment and be able to cut trees, remove tops, de-limb logs, and load onto trucks
 - Map terrain and estimate merchantable timber in each log
 - Schedule woodsmen, truck drivers, and other key players in the supply chain
- Manage financials

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

- High school diploma or equivalent
- On-the-job training is usually provided

AVERAGE SALARY

- National average \$41,500 (reported by U.S. Bureau of Labor) Variation in data, dependent on experience/organization

SKILLS NEEDED

- Team player
- Enjoys working outdoors
- Problem solver with the motivation to understand how things work
- Interest in mechanics and likes big machines



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