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**NAHB Log and Timber Homes Council Kicks off Month-Long Celebration of the Log Home Lifestyle**

**WASHINGTON, July 12** – Members of the National Association of Home Builders' (NAHB) Log and Timber Homes Council (LTHC) are celebrating National Log Home Open House Month in July for the fifth consecutive year. This month, LTHC members will honor log homes, an American icon, by hosting home tours, holding log raising demonstrations, giving mill tours, sponsoring seminars and much more.

“The log and timber home industry emerged entirely out of consumer demand for this unique style of construction,” said Log and Timber Homes Council Chairman Doug Parsons of Appalachian Log Structures in Ripley, W.V. “This distinctive style of home can suit any homeowners’ needs, whether they’re looking for a small cabin for weekend getaways or a multi-million dollar estate. Members of the council can work with prospective home buyers to make their dream of owning a log home a reality.”

There are several benefits of owning a log home, including their inherent “green” nature. The modern manufacturing process uses every portion of the log, resulting in far less waste on the job site than conventional construction. The waste that is created is typically turned into mulch or sawdust that then can be converted into fuel. Log homes are also energy efficient—the fact that the logs used are solid and uninterrupted, coupled with the modern sealant materials and building techniques, is what makes them highly energy efficient. According to scientific studies, logs absorb heat energy during the day and radiate it at night to even out the temperature. This principle, called “thermal mass,” can make the occupants feel more comfortable, while using less energy over the life of the home. Plus, there are fewer manmade materials in a log home than a conventional one.

To ensure the highest quality log home, home buyers would do well to work with companies that are part of the NAHB Log and Timber Homes Council, as they hold themselves to a higher standard of business and construction practices. LTHC members must:

- Abide by a strict code of ethics.
- Grade their logs and timbers by third party agencies to ensure structural integrity.
- Provide detailed construction manuals to ensure correct construction techniques.
- Sponsor scientific studies that advance log building technologies.
- Provide free information to help consumers make smart choices.

“Members of the Log and Timber Homes Council share the same passion for living in log and timber homes as their customers do,” Parsons said. “Each company invests in the council to develop and improve construction practices and policies that will extend and protect the log home living lifestyle will into the future.”

Visit [loghomes.org](http://loghomes.org) to learn more about events taking place nationwide during the month-long open house.

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**ABOUT THE LOG AND TIMBER HOMES COUNCIL:** The Log and Timber Homes Council, part of NAHB's Building Systems Councils, is a national organization with membership comprised of manufacturers of log and timber frame homes. These companies have adopted membership rules that protect consumers during the buying and building process and advance the industry.

**ABOUT NAHB:** The National Association of Home Builders is a Washington-based trade association representing more than 140,000 members involved in home building, remodeling, multifamily construction, property management, subcontracting, design, housing finance, building product manufacturing and other aspects of residential and light commercial construction. NAHB is affiliated with 700 state and local home builders associations around the country. NAHB's builder members will construct about 80 percent of the new housing units projected for this year.

**ABOUT TIMBERHAVEN LOG & TIMBER HOMES:** Timberhaven Log & Timber Homes, LLC is a proud member of the National Association of Home Builders' Log and Timber Homes Council. Timberhaven provides quality, affordable kiln-dried log homes, log cabins, and post & beam homes. The company is known for taking great time and energy to make sure that every attention to detail has been met to provide the best value there is in log home living. Timberhaven's highly trained and skilled professionals, log home manufacturing process and kiln-dried engineered and traditional solid logs are second to none in the log home industry. To learn more about Timberhaven Log & Timber Homes, call 855-306-5678 or visit [www.timberhavenloghomes.com](http://www.timberhavenloghomes.com).