

What Previous Year's Participants are Saying

"[Private landowner] gave a human real life aspect to this whole matter. Excellent choice of presenter."

"All speakers were excellent and well informed. Those who received 5's [on the evaluation] from me spoke to my beginner level and I could quickly understand and keep up with the topic. Food was excellent too."

"The sheer knowledge and professionalism displayed by each representative present at this event has been phenomenal. Never before have I experienced such persons with a passion for their careers as I have this weekend. It is with this that I send my sincere appreciation."



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**About Southwest Virginia
4-H Educational Center
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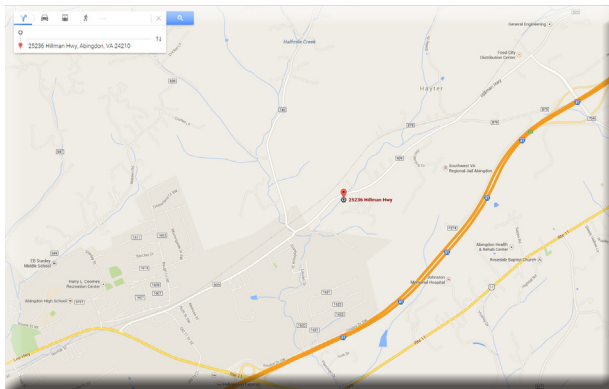
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<http://www.sites.ext.vt.edu/4hcenter/southwest/index.html>

The Southwest Virginia 4-H Educational Center is tucked away in the rural countryside of southwest Virginia, only a few miles from Abingdon and interstate I-81. For over 50 years we have been providing once-in-a-lifetime experiences for young people of Southwest Virginia. In addition, businesses, state agencies, church groups, families and others use the outstanding meeting, dining and lodging facilities at the Center.

Location Details & Driving Directions

From the North, Take I-81 S to exit 22; Turn R onto Enterprise Rd; Turn L onto Hillman Highway; Destination will be 1.5 mi. on your left; From the South, Take I-81 N to exit 19; Turn L onto US 11 S/US 58 W; Turn R onto Old 11 Dr SE; Sharp R onto County Rd 609/Hillman Hwy



If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in this activity, please contact Jennifer Gagnon at 540/231-6391 during business hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. to discuss accommodations 5 days prior to the event. DD number is (800) 828-1120.

SW VA Beginning Forest Landowners' Weekend Retreat



Join fellow forest landowners, the Virginia Department of Forestry and Virginia Cooperative Extension for an interactive weekend learning about actively managing your woodlands.

**August 18-20
Southwest Virginia 4-H
Educational Center
Abingdon**



Important Dates & Times

- **Early check-in (optional):** Friday, Aug. 18, 6:30-8 p.m. **Dinner on your own.**
- **Check-in:** Saturday, Aug. 19, 7:15 a.m. Breakfast provided.
- **Program ends:** Sunday, Aug. 20, 1:00 p.m, following lunch.

A variety of topics for those new to woodland management will be covered by natural resource professionals.

Topics include*

- Woodland Ecology
- Working with a Natural Resource Professional
- Management Planning
- Timber Sales
- Hardwood Management
- Invasive Plant ID
- Wildlife Management
- Non-timber Forest Products
- Tree ID
- Woodland Measurement Tools



***A detailed agenda will be available closer to the program date. Specific topics may change.**

Sessions will be both indoors and outdoors. We will be viewing the PBS documentary *America's First Forest* Saturday evening.

Questions? Contact Jennifer Gagnon
jgagnon@vt.edu 540/231-6391

Lodging

On-site lodging Friday and Saturday is available and encouraged. Couples will be housed in hotel-style rooms; individuals will be paired up with another participant in dorm-style rooms (2 females or 2 males per room, with bathroom). To learn more about these lodging options, please visit the 4-H Center's website.

Alternatively, you may commute.

Important Information

- This program is designed for new or inexperienced landowners; repeat attendees are welcome, but please note that the program will be similar to previous years';
- Transportation to the field trip sites will be provided;
- Breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks will be provided Saturday; breakfast, lunch and snacks will be provided Sunday;
- Some walking will be required. Please contact us as soon as possible if you require special accommodations;
- Parts of this program will be held outdoors so please dress appropriately for conditions: closed toed sturdy shoes, long pants, hats, jackets, rain gear are suggested;
- Don't forget your sunblock and bug spray!



Registration

**Forest Landowners' Retreat:
Southwest Virginia 4-H Educational
Center, Abingdon
Aug. 18-20; Register by Aug. 4**

Individual, No Lodging - \$45
Individual, Lodging Fri. & Sat. - \$85
Couple, No Lodging - \$80
Couple, Lodging Fri. & Sat. - \$160

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ **Zip:** _____

E-Mail: _____

Phone: _____

Special Dietary Needs (please explain):

Register and pay on-line!

Visit <http://forestupdate.frec.vt.edu> and click on Landowner Programs for details! **OR** Mail check (payable to Virginia Tech Treasurer) and registration form to:
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228 Cheatham Hall (0324)
Blacksburg, VA 24061