Central Virginia 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.

March 17-19, 2017
Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center, Appomattox

Nestled among tall, whispering poplars and Virginia pines of the 19,000-acre Appomattox-Buckingham State Forest, and caressed by beautiful, clear, Holiday Lake, this 4-H Educational Center is the best kept secret in Virginia.

Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center is more than a meeting place or retreat camp—it is an experience of unforgettable memories! Located only 14 miles northeast of the town of Appomattox, Holiday Lake 4-H Center is within easy driving of many Virginia cities including Richmond, Lynchburg, Roanoke, Charlottesville and Farmville.

Outdoor recreational facilities include canoeing and/or fishing on 150 acre Holiday Lake (Northern Pike, Bass, Blue Gill, Crappie, and Pickerel abound). A main fishing dock, three hiking trails -- one five-mile trail that follows the shoreline of the lake and two nature trails. The Center also has available two rifle ranges along with an archery range and skeet field, volleyball court, softball field, Jr. Olympic swimming pool (summers only), covered picnic area and an instructor-led high and low-ropes course for building self-esteem and team cooperation. Recreational equipment is provided.

What 2016 Participants Said:
“This was fun + informative!”
“This was wonderful. Loved the hands on walk outside learning opportunities. Loved the opportunity to meet other landowners and discuss similar problems.”
“Great program - wonderful teachers and speakers. Thank you.”
“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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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/TDD* during business hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to discuss accommodations 5 days prior to the event.
*TDD number is (800) 828-1120.

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Important Dates & Times

- **Early check-in (optional):** Friday, March 17, 6-8 p.m. Dinner on your own in Appomattox. Displays, information, and tree identification.
- **Check-in:** Saturday, March 18, 7:30 a.m. Breakfast and ice breaker.
- **Program ends:** Sunday, March 19, 1:00 p.m.

A variety of topics will be covered by natural resource professionals.

Topics include*

- Determining your management goals
- Working with a forester
- Hardwood and pine management
- Timber sales and harvests
- Water quality
- Non-native invasive species
- Managing for wildlife on your land
- Tree identification
- Measuring your trees

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

Sessions will be both indoors and outdoors.

**Questions? Contact Jennifer Gagnon**
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**Lodging**

On-site lodging is available for individuals and couples. Couples lodging is limited to 5 couples and will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. To maximize your experience, we strongly encourage participants to stay on-site.

If you prefer, there are hotels in Appomattox, a 35 minute drive from the 4-H Center.

- Appomattox Inn & Suites - 434/664-2018
- Budget Inn - 434/352-7451
- Super 8 - 434/352-2339

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**Important Information**

- This program is designed for new or inexperienced landowners;
- 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;
- 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!

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**Registration**

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Please register by Friday, March 3

Circle your choice below:
Individual, No Lodging - $40
Couple, No Lodging - $70
Individual, Sat. Lodging - $65
Couple, Sat. Lodging - $120
Individual, Fri. & Sat. Lodging - $90
Couple, Fri. & Sat. Lodging - $170

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Address:_________________________________________
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Phone:____________________________________________

**Special Dietary Needs (please explain):**

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Register and pay on-line!
Visit http://forestepdate.frec.vt.edu and select On-line Registration **OR**
mail check (payable to Virginia Tech Treasurer) and registration form to:
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