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.”

About Southwest Virginia
4-H Educational Center
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Abingdon, VA 24210
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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

Join fellow woodland owners, the Virginia Department of Forestry, and Virginia Cooperative Extension for an interactive weekend learning about actively managing your woods.

August 17-19
Southwest Virginia 4-H Educational Center
Abingdon
Important Dates & Times

- **Early check-in (optional):** Friday, Aug. 17, 6:30-8 p.m. *Dinner on your own.*
- **Check-in:** Saturday, Aug. 18, 7:15 a.m. Breakfast provided.
- **Program ends:** Sunday, Aug. 19, following lunch.

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

Topics include*

- Working with a Natural Resource Professional
- Management Planning
- Timber Sales
- Wildlife Management
- Hardwood Management
- Forest Ecology
- Invasive Plant ID
- Tree ID
- Determining the Value of Trees

*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. 17-19; Register by Aug. 3

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Special Dietary Needs (please explain):

Register and pay on-line!
Visit https://forestupdate.frec.vt.edu and click on Landowner Programs for details OR
Mail check (payable to Virginia Tech Treasurer) and registration form to:
Kathie Hollandsworth
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Blacksburg, VA 24061