

## What Past Participants Said:

*"Each instructor & the field trips were great. All the material was pertinent & informative. Appreciate everyone's efforts!!"*

*"Educational & enjoyable!"*

*"Great experience! The staff were very knowledgeable and passed their enthusiasm on to participants. Loved it!"*

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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 during business hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to discuss accommodations 5 days prior to the event.

\*TDD number is (800) 828-1120.

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## SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA BEGINNING WOODLAND OWNER RETREAT



**Southwest Virginia  
4-H Educational Center, Abingdon  
May 30-31**

*Join forest landowners, the Virginia Department of Forestry, and Virginia Cooperative Extension for an interactive program focused on actively managing your woodlands.*

### No Lodging

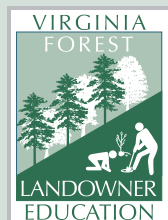
• Individual \$60; Couple \$120

### Lodging Friday only

• Individual \$90; Couple \$180

### Lodging Thurs. & Fri.

• Individual \$120; Couple \$240



## EVENT DETAILS

- Check-in for onsite lodging: Thursday, May 29, 6-7:30 p.m. Dinner on your own.
- Check-in: Friday, May 30, 7:15 a.m. Breakfast, lunch & dinner provided.
- Program ends: Saturday, May 31, 12:45 p.m. Breakfast and lunch provided.

### Topics include\*

- Determining your management goals *Classroom*
- Management planning *Classroom*
- Timber sales and harvests *Classroom*
- Managing for wildlife *Classroom*
- American chestnut research update *Classroom*
- Tree identification *Hands-on*
- Valuing your trees *Hands-on*
- Hardwood management *Field trip*

\*Specific topics may change.

### Lodging

On-site lodging is available Thursday and Friday nights (limited, first-come, first-served). All rooms have a private bathroom. Couples will be housed together when possible.

Alternatively, you may commute from home or stay at a hotel in Abingdon (please make reservations on your own).

Visit: <https://visitabingdonvirginia.com/plan-your-trip> to find off-site lodging options and activities.

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## ABOUT THE SW VIRGINIA 4-H EDUCATIONAL CENTER

25236 Hillman Highway  
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<https://www.swva4hcenter.org/>

In 1957, a group of farsighted leaders incorporated the Southwest Virginia 4-H Center. Washington County, Virginia gave the original 50-acre site, and by 1960, the first camping season was underway. Since that time, over 25,000 4-H'ers have camped at the Center; enthusiastic band students have practiced new marching routines; and countless families, businesses and civic groups have enjoyed the elaborate 4-H Center facilities." (From the "From Silver to Gold: Celebrating 25 Years Camping" anniversary celebration event program.)

The Southwest Virginia 4-H Educational Center is a 501(c)(3) registered nonprofit providing unique cultural and education experiences for youth and adults throughout the region and beyond.

Located in Washington County, just outside of Abingdon, the 4-H Center has been serving the 13-county Southwest Virginia community at its historic 75-acre facility since 1960.

### Important Information

This program is designed for new or inexperienced landowners;

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 recommended.

DON'T FORGET YOUR SUNBLOCK AND BUG SPRAY!

**Please register by May 16**  
Register and pay on-line:  
Visit <https://forestupdate.frec.vt.edu>

Or send this form and payment to:  
Kathie Hollandsworth  
228 Cheatham Hall (0324)  
Blacksburg, VA 24061  
Make checks payable to  
Virginia Tech Treasurer  
See front for registration fees

### Please print clearly

Name(s) of attendee(s):

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email: \_\_\_\_\_

Street/P.O. \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary requests \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a woodland owner?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Land County \_\_\_\_\_

Total Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Wooded Acres \_\_\_\_\_

**2025 SOUTHWEST RETREAT**