

What 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!”

“I really enjoyed this and look forward to the advanced session.”

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SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA BEGINNING WOODLAND OWNER RETREAT



Southwest Virginia
4-H Educational Center, Abingdon
May 8 - 9

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 7, 6-7:30 p.m. Dinner on your own.
- Check-in: Friday, May 8, 7:15 a.m. Breakfast, lunch & dinner provided.
- Program ends: Saturday, May 9, 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*
- Nonnative Invasive identification *Hands-on*
- Tree identification *Hands-on*
- Valuing your trees *Hands-on*
- Hardwood management *Field trip - Channels State Forest*

*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

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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 April 30

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):

email: _____

Street/P.O. _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Phone _____

Dietary requests _____

Are you a woodland owner?

Yes _____ No _____

Land County _____

Total Acres _____ Wooded Acres _____

2026 Southwest Retreat