

Virginia Forest Landowner e-Update

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14th Annual Woods & Wildlife Conference

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- Registration

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- On-line
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- **Central**
 - Appomattox
 - March 16-18
- **Southwest**
 - Abingdon
 - August 17-19
- **Southeast**
 - Providence Forge
 - September 28-30

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Good morning Forest e-Update Subscribers,

Sorry I missed you last month – a hectic program schedule and a crashed computer prevented me from putting together a monthly update for you. I’m back – but my computer is not. It’s been replaced with a new and improved model. Funny how difficult it is these days to be productive at work without the assistance of a computer. What did we do before? Make PHONE CALLS?

I thoroughly enjoyed this fall’s Forestry & Wildlife Field Tour Series. We had 120 participants – it was so great getting out and spending the day with so many of you. After participating in at least 40 of these tours over the years, I didn’t think I could see anything new. But as it turns out, I was able to visit a number of new places, including the Virginia Department of Forestry’s hardwood seedling nursery in Augusta County, a bedded water-willow oak plantation near Emporia, and the Turman Lumber Mill in Montgomery County (I lived 2 miles down the road from this sawmill for 8 years!). A special thank you to Virginia Cooperative Extension’s District Forestry & Natural Resource Agents who continually put so much time and effort into planning these tours. You can view photos from the tours on the [VFLEP Facebook page](#).

We’ve also completed three [Preparing for Generation NEXT](#) workshops across Virginia. Thanks to those of you who provided expertise on the topic, and those of you who gave your time to learn about it. This is a big step towards keeping Virginia’s forests Intact, In Forest, and In Family. We’ll have new resources and additional workshops in 2018.

For now, we’re working on evaluations, reporting, updating materials, and of course, planning landowner education events for 2018. Please visit the [Virginia Forest Landowner Update Calendar of Events](#) to find out what’s

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coming up (hint: we're developing programs on drones and prescribed fire). We're still in the planning process, but here's what we have scheduled so far:

Upcoming Woodland Owner Events

14th Annual Woods & Wildlife Conference

- February 24, 2018
- 8:30 – 4:30
- [Daniel Technology Center, Germanna Community College, Culpeper](#)
- [Registration](#)
- \$45/person; \$80/couple

On-line Woodland Options for Landowners

This 12-week self-paced class is geared for those interested in deepening their understanding of woodland management and participating in hands-on management activities.

- Class begins February 12, 2018
- [Registration](#)
- Hands-on in-person field trip
- \$45/family

Beginning Landowner Weekend Retreats

New landowners and those new to woodland management, join VDOF and VCE for a weekend of classroom lectures, hands-on activities, and field trips that will help you get started with keeping your woods healthy and productive. On-site lodging is available.

- Central Virginia
 - March 16-18, 2018
 - [Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center, Appomattox](#)
 - Registration opens in January
- SW Virginia
 - August 17-19, 2018
 - [SW Virginia 4-H Center, Abingdon](#)

- Registration opens in June
- SE Virginia
 - September 28-30, 2018
 - **New Kent Forestry Center**, Providence Forge
 - Registration opens in July

For a full listing of events, visit the **Virginia Forest Landowner Education Program's Events Calendar**.

Hope everyone has a fabulous holiday season and I'll see you next year!

Jennifer

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