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Woods & Wildlife Conferences

- Feb. 23, 2019
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 - [Culpeper](#)
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On-line Woodland Options for Landowners

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EmpowerU! Advocating Invasive Species Management

- February 15, Farmville
- February 16, Blacksburg
- March 8, Providence Forge
- March 9, Madison
- Register [on-line](#)

Beginning Landowner Retreats

- March 14-16, Appomattox
- May 16-18, Galax
- September 19-21, Providence Forge
- Registration opens 2 months prior to programs

Happy 2019 Forest e-Update Subscribers,

I hope everyone had a wonderful winter break and enjoyed whatever holidays you celebrate. We visited Western New York where we were treated to about 4” of snow on Christmas Eve. We also enjoyed a long walk in my in-laws’ northern hardwood forest. While we have many of the same species here, such as northern red oak and red maple, there is more bitternut hickory and ash (mostly dead). But the most beautiful trees in the woods were the extremely healthy eastern hemlocks (no sign of hemlock woolly adelgid). Hopefully the cold temperatures there will keep them at bay.

During the upcoming long dark days of winter, we have plenty of educational programs coming up. And, the Winter 2019 Forest Landowner Update is now available! In this issue:

- [When Poison is Profitable – Part II](#)

**By: Adam Downing, Virginia Cooperative
Extension**

When it comes to pesticides, you’ve probably heard it before: “The label is the law.” This is more than a mantra, it is federal code. Information with regards to where, what, how, and why pesticides can be used is on the label. Information on personal protective equipment (PPE) necessary for mixing and applying pesticides is on the label. Application methods, concentrations, mixing instructions, and toxicity are also on the label. Pesticide labels contain not only a myriad of valuable information, but they are also (literally) the law. [More...](#)

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- [You Ain't From Around Here! The Trouble with Tribbles](#)

By: Jennifer Gagnon, Virginia Tech

I'm certain all my readers who are hard-core Trekkies instantly appreciated my title reference. For the rest of you, let me explain. On Star Date 4523.3, the Starship Enterprise, captained by none other than the great James T. Kirk, arrives at Deep Space Station K7. It is here, at K7, that Lieutenant Uhura is given a small, charming, furry, alien life form known as a tribble. And that's when the trouble begins. You see, once aboard the starship, a tribble begins to reproduce rapidly. Tribbles inundate the Enterprise and their population quickly reaches over one million. Doctor McCoy determines that over 50% of the tribble's metabolism is dedicated to reproduction. And the more they eat, they more they reproduce. As a result, the sustainability of the crew's food supply is soon threatened. This just goes to show that exotic invasives are able to wheedle their way into anything, including pop culture! [More...](#)

- [Definitions Related to Exotic Invasive Species Adapted from USDA Plants database \(<https://plants.usda.gov/java/>\)](#)
- [Resources for Learning More about Exotic Invasive Species and Control](#)
- [Events Calendar](#)

[Upcoming Woodland Owner Events](#)

Below is a sample of upcoming landowner education programs. For a complete listing visit the [Events Calendar](#).

[Tree Farm Dinners](#)

Tree Farmer dinners are for all interested landowners. You DO NOT need to be a Tree Farmer to attend. Learn what the Virginia Tree Farm Foundation

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is all about, tour an active Tree Farm, and learn about creating quality wildlife habitat on your land. The event is \$10 per person, which includes your meal.

- February 21
- 3:00
- Porterfield Forest LLC Tree Farm, St. Stephens Church
- Contact Dan Wilson to register – dan@trfva.com, 434-531-0456

[Woods & Wildlife Conferences](#)

These day-long conferences have something for everyone interested in natural resources. The agendas will include topics useful to owners of small and large woodlands, new and experienced owners, and those simply interested in woods and wildlife.

- Feb. 23, 2019
- \$45/person; \$80/couple (includes breakfast and lunch)
- [Culpeper](#)
 - Register [by mail](#)
- [Roanoke](#)
 - Register [by mail](#)
- Register [on-line](#) for either
- Registration is limited so sign-up early!

[On-line Woodland Options for Landowners](#)

Learn about your woods and how to keep them healthy and productive - from your computer. This 12-week self-paced class covers the basics of woodland management. And for those who want more, hands-on activities are also provided. An optional hands-on, in-person field trip in central Virginia will serve as the capstone for the class.

- March 4 – May 24
- On-line
- \$45/family – includes a hands-on field trip and 3 books
- Register [by mail](#)
- Register [on-line](#)

[EmpowerU! Advocating Invasive Species Management](#)

Have you been working on invasive species issues but feel compelled to do more? Taking part in the EmpowerU Advocacy Training Program will move your invasive species work to the next level!

In this 4 week course, woodland and shoreline owners, master volunteers, and natural resources professionals can grow their skills to meaningfully engage decision makers about invasive species. Through a series of self-paced online learning activities and one in-person workshop, participants will:

- Gain understanding of the roles and levels of government and who to contact regarding invasive species management
- Learn to use skills such as influence, power, persuasion, framing, questioning and listening in interactions with decision makers
- Know where to find reputable information on the status of invasive species in your area
- Create an engagement plan and experience practicing it in a safe, peer-learning environment
- See yourself as a resource to decision makers on invasive species management
- View engagement with decision makers as a norm and encourage others to do it
- Network with other people passionate to make a difference around invasive species

In-person workshop dates and locations (you will choose *one* of these during the registration process):

- Friday, February 15, Prince Edward Extension Office in Farmville, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
- Saturday, February 16, Squires Student Center at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
- Friday, March 8, New Kent Forestry Center in New Kent, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
- Saturday, March 9, Madison Extension Office in Madison, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

[Register on-line](#)

Register by mail coming soon

[Beginning Landowner Retreats](#)

These 1.5 day-long programs cover the basics of woodland and wildlife management – using classroom, field trip, and hands-on presentations. There will also

be plenty of time to interact with natural resource professionals to get all your property-specific questions answered.

- March 14-16, [Appomattox](#)
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For a full listing of events, visit the [Virginia Forest Landowner Education Program's Events Calendar](#).

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