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FORESTRY WORKS! NEWSLETTER

The workforce development update from the
Alabama Forestry Foundation and the Forest
Workforce Training Institute



WHATS NEW IN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT:

THE FORESTRY WORKS TEAM IS GROWING!

We are excited to be adding a new team member to the Forestry Works team this month - Stephanie Fuller will be joining us on May 6th. Stephanie is from Chambers County and is a graduate of Auburn University with her Bachelor's of Science in Agriculture and Economics. Stephanie will be working with schools and industry connections in North/East Alabama.

As the daughter of a logger, Stephanie understands firsthand the issues facing Alabama's forest industry and we are excited to bring her unique perspective into the fold!

GREENVILLE LOGGING SCHOOL STUDENTS GRADUATE THIS WEEK

Students from our Greenville, AL course will graduate this Friday, May 3rd from our first four-week training program of 2019. We still have some students not committed to an employer yet, so if you are in the area and are looking for a new crew member, please contact Ray Clifton at 334-703-0218 to find out more. Special thanks to RMS, LBW Community College, Butler County Economic Development, the Alabama Forestry Commission and Reid Logging for their help in putting together this location's course!

Applications for the Whatley, AL course beginning May 28th will close today, May 1st, so please encourage anyone you know who may be interested to submit their application at www.forestryworks.com/apply before midnight tonight!

Our third course of the year will be held in Ozark, AL from July 8th - August 2nd and we are still accepting applications for that location.

To learn more about the Logging School please visit
www.forestryworks.com/training.

POST ON OUR JOB BOARD!

WWW.FORESTRYWORKS.COM/JOB-BOARD



Top: New staff member Stephanie Fuller will join us on May 6th.
Bottom: FWTI students and partners at our preview day on April 30th.

UPCOMING EVENTS

this month, the Forestry Works team will
be participating in or hosting the
following events

GREENVILLE LOGGING EQUIPMENT OPERATOR SCHOOL GRADUATION

May 3rd
Greenville, AL

F.A.W.N

May 7th-8th
Jackson, AL

WHATLEY LOGGING EQUIPMENT OPERATOR SCHOOL

May 28th- June 21st
Whatley, AL

2019 FORESTRY CAREER DAYS

We will be hosting two Forestry Career Days this fall. Forestry Career Days are forestry-specific career fairs designed to allow high school students to see firsthand what the forest industry is, and to learn about the variety of different job opportunities available in it! Forestry Career Days are interactive and hands-on - students will get to participate in demonstrations like prescribed burning, Tree I.D., paper-making, equipment simulation, and more.

Our tentative event information is as follows:

Crenshaw County:

Location TBA

November 8th & 9th

Autauga County:

Alabama Wildlife Federation Headquarters - Lanark

Date TBA (October or November)

Forestry Career Days are large-scale events hosting 500-1000 local high school students and feature local employer exhibitors, interactive activities, demonstrations, simulators, and more! They are a GREAT way to introduce students to all of the many career opportunities in the forestry and forest products industries, and are an even better opportunity for employers to meet their future workforce. Don't miss out on this opportunity!

These events will be open to schools in the surrounding counties. If you are located near one of these areas and are interested in participating either as an exhibitor or event support staff, please email fwti@alaforestry.org or call 334-481-2150.



A group of students at a 2018 Forestry Career Day wait to see the "Alabama's Native Raptors" show in Morgan County



Teachers listen to a presentation at the Mary Olive Thomas Demonstration Forest at the 2016 Teachers Conservation Workshop in Auburn

TEACHERS CONSERVATION WORKSHOP SUMMER SERIES REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Teachers Conservation Workshop is now a series! We are now offering two workshops instead of one:

Forests to Faucet: June 25th - 26th,
Tuscaloosa, AL

Alabama's Amazing Forests: July 16th - 18th,
Auburn, AL

The best way to ensure we have a healthy local forestry workforce in the future is to make sure our teachers are informed about the importance of forestry to our communities and are aware of the job opportunities our forests provide for their students, so encourage any teachers at your local schools to attend! High school agriculture teachers can also earn their Forestry Worker teacher credential at either workshop. Teacher registration includes lodging and meals and is only \$50, thanks to generous donations from many forestry employers like you! More information about these workshops can be found at www.plt.org/alabama.

If you are interested in sponsoring a teacher to attend this workshop, please contact Ashley Smith at asmith@alaforestry.org.