



# 41st Annual Meeting

of the

## Alabama Forest Owners' Association, Inc.

Friday and Saturday, April 8-9, 2022

Pelham Civic Complex, 500 Amphitheater Road, Pelham, AL 35124



**Hotels in Pelham:** Quality Inn, Hampton Inn & Suites, Sleep Inn, Best Western, Fairfield Inn & Suites, Holiday Inn Express & Suites, Ramada by Wyndham, Travelodge by Wyndham, Comfort Suites.

To book a hotel call (855) 809-4608. Give your city, state, and one of the hotels listed here.

### Friday Afternoon Forestry Field Day

1:30 PM, Friday, April 8

**Location:** Given to registered attendees.

**Description:** Field Day visit in Shelby County near Westover with a Consulting Forester Michael Heatherly.

**Fee:** \$5

### Friday Evening Reception

5 PM, Friday, April 8

**Location:** L & S Small Engine Repair, 2307 Pelham Pkwy, Pelham, AL 35124.

**Description:** L & S is a Husqvarna dealer with many power tools on display useful to many forest landowners. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and drinks while catching up with old friends and making new acquaintances with other forest landowners.

**Fee:** Included with your Annual Meeting General Registration

### Saturday Morning Conference

8 - 11:45 AM, Saturday, April 9

**Location:** Conference Center in the Pelham Civic Complex, 500 Amphitheater Road, Pelham, AL 35124.

**Description:** The indoors General Conference will feature light morning refreshments with exhibitors followed by:

- **Landowner Uses for HuntStand Pro App, Brian Murphy**
- **Tax Tips for Forest Landowners, Dr. Tammy Cushing**
- **NCX Carbon Market, Alex Macintosh**
- **Fee-Based Outdoor Recreation, Daryl Jones**
- **Managing Land in the Midst of Disruptions: Panel Discussion** with moderator **Consulting Forester Billy Rye.**

This session will conclude at 11:45 followed by lunch On-Your-Own. After lunch, attendees will make their way to the **Field Discussions** awaiting them at nearby Oak Mountain State Park.

**Fee:** \$38 General Registration

### Saturday Afternoon Field Discussions

1:30 PM, Saturday, April 9

- **Prescribed Burning: John McGuire**, Director, Private Lands Initiative, Tall Timbers
- **Pond Management: Ben Lee**, Southeastern Pond Management
- **Trail Creation and Maintenance: Preston York**, FlowMotion Trail Builders, LLC

**Location:** Oak Mountain State Park, Lunker Lake Trail Head. Starting at AppleBee's on Cahaba Valley Road (119), travel north for 6 miles. Look for Oak Mountain State Park sign. Turn right. Present gate attendant with pass from meeting. Turn left. Lunker Lake Trail Head will be a half mile on left. These activities will take place outside weather permitting.

**Fee:** Included with your Annual Meeting General Registration

### Special Saturday Program for Young Landowners: Traditional Hunter Education Course

8 AM - 5 PM, Saturday, April 9

**Location:** Oak Mountain State Park, Pelham, AL. Meet at the archery range.

**Description:** This is an 8 hour class. Successfully completing an approved hunter education course is mandatory for all non-supervised Alabama hunting license buyers born on or after August 1, 1977. We will enjoy live fire with archery and pellet rifles, along with field exercises and talks from the Game Warden and Wildlife Biologist in the morning. After lunch we will meet in the Interpretive Center classroom to finish up and take the test! The morning portion of the course is open to anyone just wanting to participate in some archery and pellet rifle instruction. Full day attendance is required for certificate.

**To register for the Hunter Education Course** go to <https://huntered.dcnr.alabama.gov/public> and scroll down to April 9. Registration for the Hunter Education Course will open March 10. Questions about the course? Call Lt. Michael Bloxom at (256) 640-3826.

**Fee:** None

### Annual Meeting Door Prize



Attend the annual meeting for a chance to win a **Husqvarna 450 Rancher** with a carrying case. Must be present to win.

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# Lee's Plan of Action to Attend the Annual Meeting

On Friday, go to Westover first – Westover is about 25 miles east of Pelham.

The first thing on the Annual Meeting Agenda this year is a **Forestry Field “Day”** on **Friday afternoon**. [Consulting Forester Michael Heatherly, Sizemore & Sizemore](#) will be waiting for us at **1:30 pm** on private forestland he manages in Shelby County. The meeting place will be a few miles off US 280 on County Road 55, north of Westover. We'll give the exact location to those who register for the field day, but for making driving plans, you'll probably want to go to Westover before finding your hotel in Pelham. Even though Shelby County is rapidly urbanizing, the property we'll visit is fairly large and surprisingly rural in nature. Michael will show us a pine plantation that was thinned two years ago and has had a “mid-rotation herbicide release” to focus growth on the remaining pines. We'll also see a one-year-old planting that was site-prepared and controlled for weeds. The property lines are all painted, so we've asked Michael to talk to us about the value of well-marked lines and property corners. He may have a few other things up his sleeve, but those were some of the highlights he told me about earlier today.

**Our Friday Evening Reception** will begin at **5 pm** and will be held in the local **Husqvarna Dealer's Showroom** ([L & S Small Engine Repair, 2307 Pelham Parkway, 35124](#)), right next door to Cahaba Tractor. Pelham Parkway is the local name for U.S. 31. We're expecting a good-sized crowd to attend, so plan to come early and stay late. We'll have plenty of beverages and finger foods, but if you're still hungry before heading to your hotel, there are lots of nearby restaurants. I like Texas Roadhouse, Applebee's, and Cracker Barrel.

**On Saturday morning, April 9, young people** who have registered for the **Hunter Education Course** need to be at **Oak Mountain State Park Archery Range at 8 am**. The class is not full yet – [Click here to register for the April 9 Course at Oak Mountain State Park](#). No fee. 16 & older.

**For the rest of us**, we'll have coffee, meet exhibitors and old friends and begin new friendships at 8 am at the Pelham Civic Complex. **Taxes, Carbon Credits, Natural Resource Enterprises, Maps on Your Phone, and Forest Owner Panel Discussion on Managing Land in the Midst of Disruptions** will all take place at the Pelham Civic Complex. Before we leave for lunch on our own, we'll draw for **door prizes** (including a [Husqvarna 450 Rancher Chain Saw](#)).

**After lunch** we'll head about 6 miles northeast on Cahaba Valley Road to the **Oak Mountain State Park Entrance**. At the **Lunker Lake Trail Head Parking Lot** (*convenient restrooms*) we'll hear from experts on **Pre-scribed Burning, Pond Management, and Trail Design & Construction**.

## EXHIBITORS

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## Forest Owner Annual Meeting Advanced Registration Online

Use this link to register online and pay with a credit card: <https://bit.ly/afao2022am>

## Forest Owner Annual Meeting Advanced Registration (Mail-in)

Please print name as it is to appear on name tag. Annual Meeting Refunds will be made if AFOA is notified by March 31.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

	# of Attendees	
Annual Meeting General Registration ( <i>Hunter Education Course has a separate registration</i> )	_____	@ \$38 per person _____ \$48 after 3/31/2022
Friday Forestry Field Day ( <i>lunch not included</i> )	_____	@ \$5 per person _____
Friday Reception ( <i>please note # of attendees for headcount</i> )	_____	@ - - per person <u>Included</u>

TOTAL DUE \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail check or M.O. to: AFOA - Annual Meeting, P. O. Box 361434, Birmingham, AL 35236

The Alabama Forest Owners' Association will be taking reasonable precautions at the 2022 Annual Meeting in light of Covid-19 health concerns, but it encourages those who are at special risk from the virus (See CDC.GOV) not to attend.