



43rd Annual Meeting

of the

Alabama Forest Owners' Association, Inc.

Tuesday and Wednesday, April 16-17, 2024

Lakepoint State Park Lodge, 104 Lakepoint Drive, Eufaula, AL 36027



Forestry Field Day at Pine Ridge of Alabama

1 PM, Tuesday, April 16

Location: Meet point given to registered attendees.

Description: Field Day Leader: Richard Cristan, Auburn University. Richard will focus on Best Management Practices for water quality. Attendees will meet at the field day location (self-driven).

Limited to 50 participants.

Fee: \$5.00; a General Registration is also required.



Park Naturalist Walk

3 PM, Tuesday, April 16

Location: Meet point given to registered attendees.

Description: Join Kelly Reetz, Park Naturalist, for a walk covering a variety of topics such as: Tree ID, Wildlife, Trail Building & Maintenance Suggestions, Tick-bite Prevention, Prescribed Burn, and Animal Tracks.

Limited to 20 participants.

Fee: Included with your General Registration

Reception/Social Hour

5:30 PM, Tuesday, April 16

Location: Lakepoint State Park Lodge, Eufaula, AL.

Description: Enjoy live music featuring Tommy Sellers and the Hillabee Creek Band, heavy hors d'oeuvres, and beverages while catching up with old friends and making new acquaintances with other forest land-owners. We look forward to listening to **Blue Eyes Crying in the Rain** and many others.

Fee: Included with your General Registration

YellaWood Tour

1 PM, Tuesday, April 16

Location: Meet point given to registered attendees.

Requirements: No photos. Must be able to safely/comfortably walk & climb stairs. Close-toed shoes. Personal protection equipment (hardhats, safety glasses, ear plugs, & safety vests) will be provided and must be worn. **The YellaWood Tour is FULL.**

Fee: \$5.00; a General Registration is also required.

Eufaula National Wildlife Refuge Tour

2 PM, Tuesday, April 16

Location: Meet point given to registered attendees.

Description: The tour will focus on upland & wetland habitat management. This will be a self-driven tour guided by John Earle, Refuge Manager. **Limited to 25 participants.**

Fee: Included with your General Registration

Main Conference

8 AM - 4 PM, Wednesday, April 17

Location: Lakepoint State Park Lodge, Conference Center.

Description: The General Conference will feature morning coffee with exhibitors followed by experts speaking on a variety of topics of interest to forest owners. Adam Maggard, Auburn University, will demo a **portable sawmill** throughout the day. Lunch will be provided around Noon followed by a few more speakers until the meeting adjourns around 4 PM. Door prize recipients will be selected after the last speaker.

Fee: \$65 General Registration / \$75 Late Registration begins April 1.



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17 at Lakepoint State Park Lodge

8:00 AM Meet and Greet — Exhibits & Coffee Area

8:30 AM Welcome — *President Jan S. Witt*

8:35 AM Annual Business Meeting — *Jan S. Witt* presiding

PROGRAM MODERATOR: *Tim Albritton*

8:45 AM EROSION CONTROL WITH BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES, *Dr. Richard Cristan, College of Forestry, Wildlife & Env.*

9:10 AM TREETRACKER: MAPPING & MANAGEMENT APP, *George M. Banzhaf, TreeTracker*

9:35 AM SUCCESS STORIES: USING TIMBERLAND AS LOAN COLLATERAL, *Keith McKinley, Alabama Ag Credit*

10:00 AM Coffee Break

10:35 AM WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT: IF YOU BUILD IT..., *Dr. Will Gulsby, College of Forestry, Wildlife & Environment*

11:00 AM HERBICIDES: INCREASE TREE SURVIVAL + ROAD & TRAIL MAINTENANCE, *Michelle Isenberg, Habitat Solutions*

11:25 AM WHAT'S UNDER YOUR TREES: OIL, GAS, CRITICAL MINERALS, *Ann C. Arnold, PG, Geological Survey of Alabama*

11:50 AM Lunch

1:00 PM TOURING ALABAMA WITH FORESTERSEARCH.COM

Moderator, *Tim Albritton*

Panelists

Michael Heatherly, Sizemore & Sizemore, Inc.

Eddie Stone, Forever Green, Inc.

Kim Sparks, Sparks Forestry Services, LLC

Steve Archer, American Forest Management, Inc.

2:25 PM Coffee Break

2:55 PM ENJOYING YOUR FISH POND, *Bence Carter, Alabama Cooperative Extension System*

3:20 PM CUTTING YOUR 2025 TAX BILL: PREPARE NOW. *Orman R. Wilson, CPA, JamisonMoneyFarmer, PC*

3:45 PM Door Prizes & Adjourn by 4 PM



Sawmill Demo in Parking Area



For room reservations at Lakepoint State Park Lodge call (334) 687-8011. To receive the special room rate, mention Alabama Forest Owners' Association - **Group Code 6542**.

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