



Network with like-minded forest-oriented friends at the Alabama TREASURE Forest Association (ATFA) annual meeting Oct. 26-28 in Florence at the Marriott Shoals Hotel & Spa. Gov. Kay Ivey will deliver the keynote address during Friday's awards banquet. Tours, workshops and awards presentations round out the meeting's agenda. Register at treasureforest.org or by contacting William Green at (334) 612-5235 by Sept. 25.

To donate an item to the silent auction, contact Green by Oct. 6.

Award Nominations Due Sept. 20

Nominations for two Alabama TREASURE Forest Association (ATFA) awards are due Sept. 20. Winners will be announced at the ATFA annual meeting in Florence Oct. 27.



The Bill Moody Award is the ATFA's highest honor and is given annually to a TREASURE Forest landowner who exemplifies the organization's multiple-use forest philosophy.

This award is named after retired State Forester C.W. "Bill" Moody, who established the TREASURE

Forest program.

Four regional Gary Fortenberry Partnership Awards recognize representatives of government agencies, academia, industry and other forest resource organizations for their partnership with, and support of, the ATFA at the county level.

An individual in each of the ATFA's regions — north, central, southeast and southwest — may receive an award.

Visit TREASUREForest.org to access nomination forms. Questions? Contact the ATFA's William Green at (334) 612-5235.

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Thursday

- 1:30 p.m. Optional Tour — Historic Music Venues of the Shoals
- 5:00 p.m. Welcome Reception (silent auction opens)

6:00 p.m. Awards Banquet

Friday

- 8:00 a.m. Tour Colbert County TREASURE Forest
- 12:00 p.m. Alabama TREASURE Forest Association Lunch — *Taylor Perkins, the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, speaker*
- 1:30 p.m. Educational Sessions begin
- 4:45 p.m. Educational Sessions end
- 5:00 p.m. Silent Auction closes



Gov. Kay Ivey, speaker

Saturday

- 8:00 a.m. Devotional Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. Conference concludes

Educational Sessions

Bark Beetle Update

— Dana Stone, Alabama Forestry Commission —

Importance of Tree Genetics

— Paul Jeffreys, SuperTree Seedlings —

Predator Management

— Dr. Mark Smith, Auburn University —

Reptiles of Alabama

— Dr. Paul Kittle, University of North Alabama —

Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area

— Carrie Barske, Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area —

Financial Assistance Available to Forest Landowners

— Brandon McCray, NRCS —

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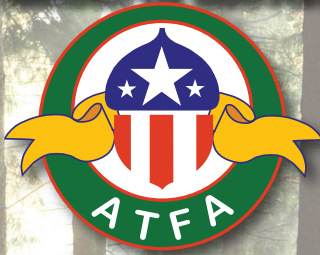
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- \$75 for ATFA members
- \$100 for ATFA nonmembers, which includes a year's membership
 - \$40 for children

Conference registration includes planned meals, sessions and Friday's landowner tour.

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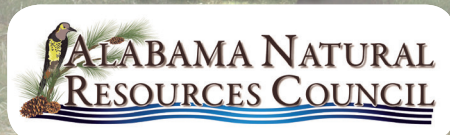
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Loading Up On Hunter Regulation Changes, Game Check

As deer season quickly approaches, hunters can learn about the Game Check harvesting system and new hunting regulations through seminars with the Alabama Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries (WFF).

Game Check results from last year's hunting season, hunting and fishing regulation changes, and new public hunting opportunities for hunters will be explained. A question and answer session will follow.

WFF Director Chuck Sykes will conduct most seminars.

"The seminars are giving me the opportunity to meet hunters from across the state and to get their feedback on hunting in Alabama," he said. "I think it's important to show them that our department is willing to listen to their suggestions."

Access the schedule at outdooralabama.com or call WFF at (334) 242-3465. Learn more about Game Check at outdooralabama.com/game-check-faq.

Date	Time	Building	Address	City
Sept. 7	6 p.m.	Choctaw County Courthouse	117 S. Mulberry Ave.	Butler
Sept. 11	6 p.m.	Tuscaloosa County Courthouse Annex, Tuscaloosa County Extension Office	2513 7th St.	Tuscaloosa
Sept. 12	6 p.m.	Camp Meadowbrook	2344 County Road. 747	Cullman
Sept. 14	6 p.m.	Enterprise State Community College Multipurpose Room	600 Plaza Drive	Enterprise
Sept. 16	6 p.m.	Mountain View Baptist Church	2110 Hwy. 81	Phil Campbell
Sept. 19	6 p.m.	Spanish Fort Community Center	7361 Spanish Fort Blvd.	Spanish Fort
Sept. 25	6 p.m.	Lineville City Annex	60169 Hwy. 49	Lineville
Sept. 26	6 p.m.	Barbour County Chamber of Commerce	333 E. Broad St.	Eufaula
Sept. 28	6 p.m.	AWF's NaturePlex	3050 Lanark Road	Millbrook
Sept. 30	4 p.m.	Cabela's	7090 Cabela Drive	Huntsville
Oct. 3	6 p.m.	Central Alabama Farmers Cooperative	2519 Hwy. 80	Selma
Oct. 5	6 p.m.	Auburn University School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences Building Room 2217	602 Duncan Drive	Auburn
Oct. 9	6 p.m.	Central Alabama Community College Technology Building Multimedia Room	1675 Cherokee Road	Alexander City
Oct. 10	6 p.m.	Greenway Sportsman Club	231 Jan Drive	Union Springs

Southern Pine Beetle Battle Persists

Light green, yellow and reddish-colored trees are appearing across Alabama — a sign the southern pine beetle is back ravaging the state's timberland.

Last year's drought stressed trees throughout the state, making them more susceptible to southern pine beetles. The aggressive tree-killing, native insects predominantly live in the inner bark of pine trees.

The beetles feed on tissue under the bark and effectively girdle a tree, causing its death, said State Forester Rick Oates.

"Damage from southern pine beetles is growing in many areas of the state with more than 2,060 spots recorded this year, compared to less than 700 last year," Oates said. "It's an epidemic in Montgomery County. By the time pine trees change color, they're under attack and dying."

"Trees can't be treated since the beetles are under the bark. The only option is to cut down affected trees and make a buffer around them."

If not controlled, they can devastate entire forests, causing millions of dollars in damage, according to the Alabama Forestry Commission.

"The best thing we can hope for is a cold winter to kill back the beetle population," Oates said. "Until then, we'll keep searching for beetle outbreaks and encouraging landowners to cut infested trees."

The AFC urges landowners to monitor property for signs of damage and contact their local AFC office or registered forester for management recommendations before taking action.

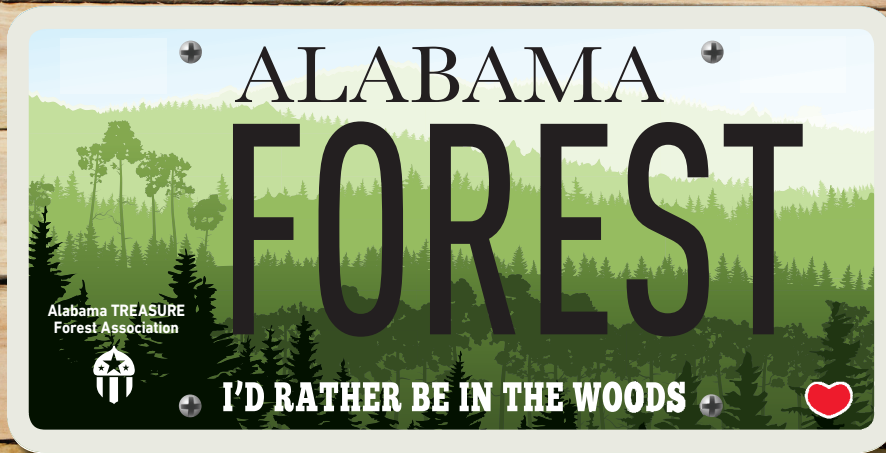
Visit Forestry.Alabama.gov for more information.

Forestry is Alabama's largest agricultural industry and covers 23 million acres — about 69 percent of the state.

Forests generate over \$21 billion in timber production and processing revenue and provide over 122,000 jobs to Alabamians.



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