Kentucky convention to feature interactivity and contemporary topics

Louisville is known for bourbon, bluegrass, the Kentucky Derby, baseball bats, and now, as the destination for this year’s SAF National Convention. You won’t want to miss this exciting event, to be held October 30-November 3 at the Louisville Convention Center, featuring over 200 speakers, 80 exhibitors, 20 CFE credit hours, and endless networking opportunities. Approximately 1,300 foresters attend from around the country, and among those in attendance are many under-30 young professionals representing the future of our profession.

What can you expect at this year’s convention? Under the theme of “Goods from the Woods” there will be educational sessions spanning the full range of topics in natural resource management from silviculture, economics, urban forestry, biometrics, and more. Wednesday kicks off with a great slate of tours to showcase forestry in Kentucky, as well as more than a dozen workshops teaching the latest in forest technology and more. On Halloween, be sure to join the night hike in Jefferson Memorial Forest (we’ll provide the flashlights, you provide the costumes!) and on Sunday visit the renowned Mammoth Cave.

Plenary sessions will feature top-notch speakers on contemporary topics like new products from cellulose and a deeper consideration of right-doing than codes of conduct and rules of behavior can provide. And don’t miss the parade of SAF national award winners during Plenary 2 as we recognize our worthy colleagues. New this year are three “Advancing Our Profession” sessions that explore oak forests to meet current needs and demands; wood products of the future; and an open conversation on creating inclusive cultures.

The real hub of activity at convention is the exhibit hall. Exhibitors from equipment companies and tech companies, as well as universities and organizations, are anxious to share the latest technology and new products and develop new business relationships.

A new feature this year are innovation zones where live presentations, product demonstrations, and other activities will be held in an informal setting. Also in the exhibit hall is the SAF raffle and silent auction, featuring excellent items such as wood bowls, beautiful photos, trips, tools, jewelry, and hard-to-find books. And your dollars support the Foresters’ Fund and Kurt Gottschalk Science Fund.

Many have come to enjoy the hour-long Popcorn, Policy, and People (P3) sessions sprinkled throughout convention. Structured to encourage dynamic discussions, P3s will cover a range of topics connecting forests to human health, understanding the Farm Bill, and what’s next for the forest products and how SAF can play a role. US Forest Service Chief Vicki Christiansen will also offer insights and reflect on her experiences as chief.

We hope you take advantage of everything convention has to offer and meet new friends, reconnect with colleagues, and learn about the issues facing foresters and natural resource managers, all while enjoying the hospitality and atmosphere of Kentucky.

Register by September 19 to take advantage of early-bird convention rates. Convention details can be found at eforester.org/convention.
The Steamboat Belle of Louisville is the nation’s oldest operating river steamboat and one of many attractions in Louisville, Kentucky, the site of the 2019 SAF National Convention. Photo courtesy of Louisville Tourism.

Be sure to visit the exhibit hall floor to talk with exhibitors and learn about new innovations. Photo courtesy of Society of American Foresters

Quiz bowl is an exciting battle of forestry knowledge where forestry programs from around the country square off. Photo courtesy of Society of American Foresters
MARK your calendar

**K-T SAF Winter Meeting**
January 29-31
Boling Green, KY
Hosted by the East KY Chapter

**Music and Mentoring**
This year’s Music and Mentoring is postponed until 2020 so that our students can attend this year’s National Convention in Louisville

**Kentucky Wood Expo**
September 20 & 21
Masterson Station Park, Lexington

EKSAF, WKSAF, and the KY consultant foresters (KACF) will have a joint meeting Friday morning at the Wood Expo. This will be their fall meeting.

**Tennessee Forestry Association Annual Meeting**
October 16-18
Crown Plaza
Knoxville, Tennessee

Check the TFA website for details

What’s Going On?

**POP QUIZ!!**
Which Tennessee State Forest is a memorial to the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC)?

Don Hodges named the new Department Head for UT Department of Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries.

Click [HERE](http://example.com) for the complete story.
I am writing after a Saturday morning of tending to the honey bees, chickens, and cows with my 2 sons on our small family farm in Northeast Kentucky. This is important time for me to recharge, as I now spend fewer days in the woods, and more in sawmills and wood using facilities in Kentucky and the surrounding hardwood region. I firmly believe we get out of SAF what we put into it. One friend and mentor of mine is always saying “We have gotten where we are today by standing on the shoulders of those who have come before us.” Being active in SAF has allowed me to remain in contact with old friends and colleagues, make new business contacts, as well as remain up to date on the latest issues and solutions relating to our woods, and the goods that come out of them.

I appreciated our current KTSAF Chair, Tom Kain, mentioning some of the valuable benefits he has experienced through being active in SAF, and serving in leadership. At the last winter meeting Tom said something profound to me. He said, “we must do a better job of letting other forestry professionals, and their employers know the value of these leadership and growth opportunities.” I agree that this is important if we are to continue to grow together. I will mention that in KY, our statewide cooperative extension system is considering some major changes. We are being asked more and more to include impacts from programs we are involved in. I believe the more we can affirm our activities in our newsletter communications and our website, the easier it is to funnel employers/administrators and potential members to these resources. Please thank Greg Bailey, if you have not, for maintaining our newsletter for so long. We are in need of someone who is passionate about communicating the efforts and activities of our society to continue this newsletter forward.

When I talk to forestry professionals who are not members, I find that employer support just to attend meetings to be the largest barrier for membership. From discussions with friends and colleagues, I understand this is an issue for many of our current members as well. I believe that from a KT or maybe even a National perspective we should build the case of value of SAF to employers. If this already exists, let us market the notion somehow.

As Tom Kain mentioned in the previous newsletter, all of the excitement right now is upon the National SAF meeting that the KT chapter will host late October, in Louisville. If you have not registered yet I hope you will, and please consider volunteering.

I would like to mention the East KY chapter, West KY chapter, and KY Association of consulting foresters will be hosting a Fall meeting at the Kentucky Wood Expo, September 20 & 21, 2019 (3.5 CFE). There will be additional CFE courses available in addition to the meeting hours. This is a traditional event for our members every 2 years, to come out and support the logging and sawmill industries and provide educational programs. Link here: [http://www.kfia.org/KentuckyWoodExpo.aspx](http://www.kfia.org/KentuckyWoodExpo.aspx)

The East KY chapter will be hosting the KT winter meeting in Bowling Green, January 29-31, 2020. The Holiday Inn will be the meeting space. You should receive more information on the meeting soon. We are developing the program and are taking topics and speakers so please send suggestions or interest to myself (chad.niman@uky.edu) or next year’s EKSAF Chair, Laurie Thomas (laurie.thomas@uky.edu). I was impressed with the quality of the program at the Nashville Winter meeting, hosted by Andy Norris and the Middle Tennessee chapter, and I hope that you got something out of it as well.

From the East Kentucky chapter perspective, there could not be a better time to serve. Several years of EK officers have worked together diligently to move our chapter forward. We have gone through a bylaws revision to allow for online voting, to meet the needs of our busy membership, and increased our chapter dues to $5/member, which will allow for more meeting options. Our Chair-elect Laurie Thomas is well prepared, and our Secretary/Treasurer Kelley Corbine will remain for the second year of her term. We are seeking a chair elect, so if you are in our district please consider putting in or nominating someone for the election. Also, I do not believe our EK chapter will be hosting a KT meeting again until 2022 if you need that.

I hope to see you all in Louisville at the National meeting. Consider signing up for one of the great tours of interest. The Ohio Valley Wood Products tour will be guided by Bob Bauer, Stewart West, and Chad Niman.
NATIONAL SAF – LOUISVILLE 2019
Submitted by Rance Frye, General Sessions Chair 2019

NHLA on board: they will have an interactive Lumber grading session set up at an innovation station in the exhibit hall.

Continue to reach out to our industry connections for exhibitors and sponsors. We have a great base but we want to be the convention that resets the bar for sponsorships and participation.

Ed Gee says the silent auction items are starting to arrive. Please ask everyone to reach out to their contact list for interesting auction items.

Dave Walters is making progress with the student reps and their plans are coalescing.

Be certain to sign up through David Mercker. Ask David for the link to the app for volunteer opportunities. He says the response has been outstanding thusfar.

Also, book your rooms now for the convention so you have your choice of rooms. Save the Date....

2019 SAF CONVENTION - LOUISVILLE
KT SAF - Save the Date - Oct 28 – Nov 3 2019

50 Year Membership
Submitted by Chris Will and Jon Lindsay

This is a very unusual year, because we are celebrating 50 years of membership for 9 of our K-T SAF members. I’m not sure that we have ever recognized 9 fifty year members in one year! Their accomplishment will be recognized in Louisville at the convention.

The following members will receive framed certificate plaques & lapel pins from the national office for fifty years of membership:

Charles L. Hedglin
Charles “Mac” McClure, CF
Dennis E. Miles
Robert Owens
Richard C. Winslow
Thomas Lyons
William Kearney
Rex Mann
Lloyd Foe, CF
Kentucky Wood Expo
September 20 & 21, 2019 - Masterson Station Park
Lexington, KY

Tickets: $5 in advance, $7 at gate; 6 & under - Free

Featuring the Latest Technology & Services for:
Sawmill, Pallet, Logging & Secondary Equipment, Loaders, Chain saws, Trucks, Parts, Accessories, New & Used Equipment, and Much More!

Events:
- Lumberjack Contests
- Live Chain Saw Carving
- Skidder & Knuckleboom Contests
- How to Make a Bourbon Barrel
- Build your own FREE Cutting Board
- Continuing Forestry Education for Landowners & Loggers
- Live Demonstrations of Machinery & Equipment
- Inside & Outside Exhibits
- Wood Crafts
- Live Bluegrass Music and much more

Collegiate & Local Lumberjacks: will be performing live on Saturday. We have 9 Universities from surrounding states signed up to participate.

Chainsaw Carving Competition: Carvers will create a piece to submit in a LIVE auction on Saturday, Sept. 21 at 12:30 p.m. to benefit the Kentucky Children’s Hospital in Lexington, Kentucky. Carvers will also have pieces for sale throughout the show.

Cutting Boards: Show participants will have an opportunity to make their own FREE cutting board.

Location:
The Kentucky Wood Expo will be held at Masterson Station Park, located on HWY 421/Leestown Road less than 4 miles off I-75.

Visit kywoodexpo.com for complete details.
In-Service Training for County Extension Agents at the Kentucky Wood Expo

Presented and Facilitated by UK FNR Extension @ the KY Wood Expo in Lexington September 20 - 21, 2019

Timber Economics (3 CEUs)
Friday September 20, 2019 | 10 AM-2PM Eastern
The Timber Economics County Extension Agent In-Service training is a great opportunity for county agents to learn how to assist their clients on a wide variety of common timber related questions such as: “How much is my timber worth?”, “How do I go about managing my timber and who can help me do it?”, “What is the best way to conduct a timber harvest to receive a fair price and make sure my woods are in good shape afterward?”, and more.

Invasive Plant Management (2 CEUs)
Friday September 20, 2019 | 2 PM-4PM Eastern
The Invasive Plant Identification and Management In-Service training is a great opportunity for county agents to learn how to assist their clients on questions such as: “What invasive plants should I be on the lookout for?”, “How do I go about managing invasive plants?”, and more.

Small Scale Logging: Cutting and Moving Logs Using ATV’s and Tractors (2 CEUs)
Saturday September 21, 2019 | 10 AM-12PM Eastern
The presentation will include exposure to general practices and equipment demonstrations to help landowners safely and efficiently cut and move logs and firewood. Demonstrations will be hosted by exhibitors and will include the use of ATV mounted skidding plates, log arches, farm tractor log winches, ATV and tractor log loading trailers, chainsaw cutting and portable sawmilling.

Register online in kers. For more information:
(859) 257-7597 forestry.extension@uky.edu

College of Agriculture, Food and Environment Forestry and Natural Resources Extension
All K-T Members!!

If YOU have found yourself attending meetings and thinking that you could and should do more for our State Society...

You can!

Let someone know your interest.
Volunteer now or BE volunteered later!
[wink-wink]

Tennessee Members!!

We need TN candidates for the upcoming K-T Executive positions:

Chair-Elect & Secretary

Let Doug Rodman know if you are interested in these 2-year term positions

East Tennessee Chapter Members!!

A Chair for this Chapter is needed. If you have interest, please contact Jeff Holt or Greg Bailey

This section of the newsletter could have held the information that you forgot to send.
Forest Health Training

| September 4, 2019 | Lake Barkley State Resort Park |

9am-3pm CT 3500 State Park Rd, Cadiz, KY 42211

**About:** This Forest Health In-Service Training will provide key updates on major forest health concerns and an introduction to potential issues on the horizon. This multi-state effort will feature experts from around the region addressing invasive insects, diseases, and pests as well as native issues that affect trees. It is a great opportunity for forest professionals and county agents to interact and learn how to assist their clients on questions such as: “How can I improve the health of my woodlands?”, “What invasive plants should I look for on the lookout for?”, and more. The session will include presentations on:

- Emerald ash borer, spotted lanternfly and other invasive insects
- Native insects and diseases that regularly damage trees
- Invasive plants and their management
- New technology to assist with diagnostics and management

**Who:** Professionals dealing with tree and forest health including county agents, foresters, arborists, land managers, and consultants.

**Cost:** $20. Lunch is included, free lodging and travel assistance available. Contact Chris Evans for more information: 618-695-3383 or cwevans@illinois.edu.

Questions about the training? Contact Ellen Crocker, e_crocker@uky.edu, 859-257-3040 or Chris Evans, cwevans@illinois.edu, 618-695-3383.

Register at: go.illinois.edu/ForestHealth2019

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Pickett CCC Memorial State Park lies within the 19,200-acre Pickett State Forest, and is adjacent to the massive 120,000-acre Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area. In 1933, the Stearns Coal and Lumber Company donated nearly 12,000 acres of land to the State of Tennessee to be developed as a forest recreational area. Initial development of the area by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) occurred between 1934 through 1942. The CCC constructed hiking trails, five rustic cabins, a recreation lodge, a ranger station and a 12-acre lake. The park memorializes and preserves the unique work of the CCC who first developed the park.

In 2015, Pickett CCC Memorial State Park and Pogue Creek Canyon State Natural Area earned Silver-tier International Dark Sky Park designation. It became the first state park in the Southeast to gain this prestigious recognition. Visitors can enjoy sweeping, rich views of the night sky similar to those found in...
72 Days...
Till the 2019 SAF National Convention
Louisville, Kentucky

Next NEWSLETTER
Deadline is
Friday
November 8, 2019

Please supply NEWSLETTER information in Microsoft WORD format to:
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bailey@forestlandgroup.com

- Articles on forestry related topics
- News and events from your Chapters
- Accompanying photographs are greatly appreciated!