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Forty-four Florida teachers are woods wiser

Forty-four teachers from Miami to the Panhandle went for a walk in the woods at the 2007 Florida Forestry Teachers' Tour in Fernandina Beach June 19-22. The teachers learned firsthand the value of forestry in Florida while visiting Rayonier's research forest in Yulee; the Weeks family Tree Farm in Clay County; Smurfit-Stone's linerboard mill in Fernandina Beach; West Fraser's saw mill in Whitehouse; and many other interesting and informative locations.



The Florida Forestry Teachers' Tour showed the educators that the key to responsible forestry is sustainability. They saw all aspects of forestry practices, from the planting and growing processes, to the mills and finally to the end products. Learning that over 5,000 products are made from trees, the teachers saw how chemical by-products from the paper-making process are used in products like soap, fabrics and even food. They learned how the industry works hard to see that no part of a tree goes to waste.

"I'll never look at a tree the way I used to," commented Helene Yaller, a middle school science teacher from Bradenton.

The teachers also got a special treat when they took a tour of White Oak Plantation in Yulee. Owned and operated by the Gilman Foundation, White Oak Plantation houses, breeds and rehabilitates endangered animals from around the world.

The Florida Forestry Teachers' Tour is an annual event designed to give teachers an insider's view of forestry so they can share the knowledge with their students. It is sponsored by the Florida Division of Forestry and by the generous members of the Florida Forestry Association, listed below.

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The strength of our sponsorship base is key to the success of the Florida Forestry Association Annual Meeting. While the forum serves to connect our members with great ideas and great people, it is the sponsors who give us the added edge that assures plenty of quality education and entertainment to make the meeting a valuable event.

To help amplify a sponsor's investment, we have made-over the benefits to provide more opportunities for you to be recognized. See the list of sponsor level amenities on page 3. We invite you to choose the category that best meets your needs, choose your level of sponsorship and send us your contribution to make sure your name is seen before, during and after the meeting.

Check out the list of supporters on page 3 who have already committed to another successful meeting. There is still time to add you name to this list!

Call Sawgrass to reserve your room by August 13

The Sawgrass Marriott Resort & Spa is the site of the 2007 FFA Annual Meeting. Hotel rooms are being held for Association



members who want to attend at a special rate of \$119. Guest villas are available at \$194.

Attendees are required to guarantee their reservations with a major credit card or pre-paid deposit. All reservations must be received by **August 13**. After this time, rooms will be released with the unsold portion of our room block offered for general sale. Reservations can be made by calling 800.457.4653.

Governor serious about reducing greenhouse gases

Florida will become the first state in the Southeast to enact targets for reducing greenhouse gases following action by Governor Charlie Crist.

Executive orders signed by the governor require the state secretary of environmental protection to immediately adopt rules to limit pollution-causing emissions for cars, diesel engines and electric companies. The orders also impose tough new energy conservation goals for state agencies, demand better fuel efficiency from state-owned vehicles and require state cars to "use ethanol and biodiesel fuels when locally available."

The most optimistic step in Crist's green agenda is the requirement to lower the amount of carbon dioxide in the air to 1990 levels by 2025, and 80 percent lower by 2050, in spite of what is expected to be a near doubling of the state's population. The governor's orders say the new rules can be enacted without approval from the legislature because they are based on existing state environmental laws.

The governor's orders also require electric companies to reduce greenhouse emissions to 2000 levels by 2017 and to 1990 levels by 2025. They also ask the Public Service Commission, the state agency that regulates utilities, to impose rules this year that require electric companies to produce 20 percent of their electricity from renewable sources.

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THE MAKEOVER IS UNDERWAY

We'll show you where to hammer!

The transformation of forestry is underway in the United States, and Florida is right in the middle of the mix. At this year's Annual Meeting, September 5-6 at the Sawgrass Marriott Resort & Spa, members will get a chance to learn about new components of the evolving redesign. The construction crew will also be providing new information tools to better enhance the master plan. Knowing where to hammer will be invaluable and our plan is to share the blueprint to help landowners, loggers and mills find their niche.

RENEWABLE ENERGY

Jarek Nowak, utilization specialist with Florida Division of Forestry, will present sources of woody biomass, the potential for new wood markets and technological advances in wood conversion to transportation fuels.

Steve Kelley, North Carolina State University Wood and Paper Science Department head, will focus on the pulp and paper industry's opportunity to be a launch point for developing cellulosic biorefineries -- another opportunity for the sustainable production of fuels from renewable resources.

Thursday, September 6, at 9:45 am

CARBON CREDITS

Zach Willey, senior economist with Environmental Defense, will present opportunities and challenges for Florida's forestry sector to help the world offset greenhouse gas emissions. In the U.S., such a market could grow to \$20 billion annually. Find out how landowners can plug in to this evolving market.

Thursday, September 6, at 10:45 am

FUTURE RESOURCES

Mark Brown and Susan Matthews from the U.S. Forest Service will present findings from the update of Florida's forest inventory. Data will be provided on forest area, volume, growth and removals, along with their implications for the future sustainability of our forests and forest-based industries.

Wednesday, September 5, at 4 pm

And especially for landowners!

FOREST HEALTH

Invasive pests are impacting Florida's forests. Join Ed Barnard, with the Florida Division of Forestry, to find out which pests might be living in your forest and what you need to know about them.

Wednesday, September 5, at 4 pm

GREENBELT GUIDELINES

Do you know your Greenbelt rights and responsibilities? With Florida's property tax classification system under fire, it is important that landowners understand how to keep their forests classified as Greenbelt. A panel of experts, including a forest consultant, a former state tax director and a current property appraiser will provide a path to help landowners understand the common mistakes and the processes in place to get back on track.

Wednesday, September 5, at 10 am

BUILDING ON THE PAST

When it comes to proper use of our natural resources, lessons from history can play a crucial role in shaping our understanding and guiding our future decisions. Dr. Steve Anderson, executive director of the Forest History Society, will share tools for developing rational resource policies that will help lead to a sustainable future.

Wednesday, September 5, at 2:30 pm

Be among the first to purchase a copy of *Florida's Forest History*. The newly released book was developed from the Kendrick Manuscript with input from the Florida Division of Forestry, Society of American Foresters, Florida Chapter, and many others. Join Mike Long, State Forester and Barry Walsh, writer-editor, for some interesting stories about the new book and the people and stories encountered along the way. Copies of the new book will be available for sale following the session.

Wednesday, September 5, at 3:15 pm

New Tools Available for Logging

Master Loggers continue to be provided with new logging tools, and now, new skid trail mat logging BMPs have been approved.

Jeff Vowell, with the Florida Division of Forestry, will discuss the seven criteria addressing such issues as width of mats, spacing and orientation of the timber used for the mat. Master Loggers are invited to join Jeff at the Master Logger Lunch on Thursday, September 6, at noon.

Win a \$1000 home improvement gift card

Whether you are renovating or repairing, a gift card from Lowe's always comes in handy. Registrants of this year's Annual Meeting will have a chance to take home \$1000 worth of credit at Lowe's.

For your chance to win, all you need to do is register for the meeting and show up for the President's Dinner on September 6 at 7 pm! The gift card is provided courtesy of Industrial Tractor Company.

Upgrade the fun at golf tournament and trap shoot



Dye's Valley Course at TPC Sawgrass will be the site of this year's Forestry Classic. This 6,838-yard, par-72 course is a challenge for all with its lush, winding fairways, sweeping greens and water in play on every hole! The Classic will get underway at 8 am on Wednesday, September 5.

Whether you're a novice or a marksman, the five stand & trap shoot is one of our members' favorite

Annual Meeting activities. Natural Resource Planning Services invites you to beautiful Dee Dot Timberland Ranch to test your skill.

From foundation to finish: start the meeting with learning and end with laughs

We get the project going with Roger Sedjo, a senior fellow of Resources for the Future's forest economics and policy program, who will give us an intriguing review of what the business of forestry will look like in the short and long term at the Farm Credit Awards Breakfast on September 6.

Then, we put on the finishing touches with the contagious comedy of Buzz Sutherland, who has won Comedian of the Year honors for the last 14 years, at the President's Dinner.



EXTREME MAKEOVER: FORESTRY EDITION

Events at a Glance

Tuesday, Sept. 4		Thursday, Sept. 6	
10 am	Trade Show Set-Up	7 am	Early Bird Coffee
2 pm	Registration Desk Open	7:45 am	Awards Breakfast with Roger Sedjo
Wednesday, Sept. 5		9:45 am	Trade Show/Auction Open
6:30 am	Registration Desk Open	9:45 am	General Session Continues
6:30 am	Continental Breakfast for Golfers		• Woody Biomass and Renewable Fuel Sources
7 am	Tee Time Coffee	10:45 am	• Paid to Grow Trees
7 am	Trade Show Set-Up	12 pm	Master Logger Luncheon
8 am	Golf Tournament		• New BMPs for Mat Logging
9 am	Trade Show/Auction Open	12:30 pm	Trap Shoot
10 am	Landowner Session	2 pm	Trade Show Social
	• Emerging Forest Health Issues	4 pm	LCCC/UF Meeting
11 am	Landowner Session	5:30 pm	President's Reception and Silent Auction
	• Greenbelt Guidelines for Bona Fide Forestry	6:45 pm	Trade Show/Auction Concludes
12:30 pm	Trade Show Lunch	7 pm	President's Dinner with Buzz Sutherland
2:30 pm	General Session	9:30 pm	Auction Pick-Up/Trade Show Tear-Down
	• Extreme History		
	• Florida's Rich Forest History		
4 pm	• Sustaining Florida's Forests	Friday, Sept. 7	
5 pm	Board of Directors Meeting	7 am	Trade Show Tear-Down
6 pm	Welcome Reception		

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Florida Forestry Association Annual Meeting

September 5-6, 2007, Sawgrass Marriott Resort, Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida

Please photocopy this form for each registration packet desired. For best rates, please mail or fax by August 17, 2007, to: Florida Forestry Association

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Registrant	Early Registration on or before August 17, 2007	Regular and On-site Registration after August 17, 2007 or at Annual Meeting	Number Attending	Amounts Due
Member	\$335	\$360		
Non-Member	\$360	\$385		
Member Spouse	\$205	\$230		
Non-Member Spouse	\$230	\$255		
Landowner Day	\$105	\$105		

(Landowner Day includes Wednesday General Sessions, Trade Show Lunch & Welcome Reception)

Extra Tickets and Optional Events (available with Complete Registration Package only)

Event	Cost	Number of Entries	Amounts Due
Thursday Awards Breakfast	\$40 each		
Thursday Night President's Dinner	\$75 each		
Golf Tournament	\$88 each		
Trap & Five Stand Shoot	\$40 each		

Name/handicap of golfer/shooter _____

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If requesting a specific team, please list: _____

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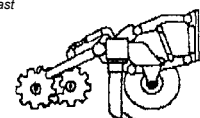
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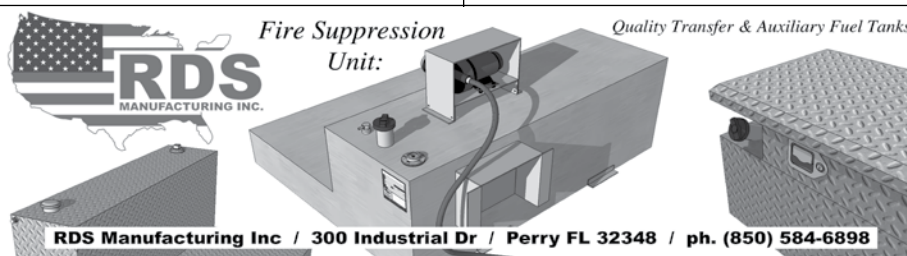
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