

Alabama Teachers Conservation Workshop

**Auburn, Alabama • Monday, July 11, 2016–
Thursday, July 14, 2016**

Forest Ecology

Alabama is blessed with abundant water and diverse soils leading to plant and animal biodiversity greater than most places in the world. In the workshop, learn about soils, water, biodiversity and Alabama's five major forest types defined by the state's physiographical regions. Enjoy field trips to the university arboretum to learn tree identification. Have fun with hands-on Project Learning Tree activities from the award-winning curriculum.

Forest Management

Hear about forest issues from specialists and learn how invasive species, tree diseases, and many other threats are reduced through active land management. Visit with private landowners to hear why they own forestland, what they hope to achieve in ownership, and techniques they use to achieve their goals.

Forest Products

Sustainably managed forests provide a multitude of products, like paper as well as ecosystem services like clean air and water. Learn how the Sustainable Forestry Initiative in Alabama strives to achieve these goals. Visit a paper making lab and tour a paper mill to learn the chemistry behind paper products.

About the Workshop

The Alabama Teachers Conservation Workshop (TCW), designed for teachers and agri-science educators as well as non-formal environmental educators, focuses on forest ecology, management, and products through guest speakers, field trips, and hands-on activities. The goal is to demonstrate the importance forests have to the environment and economy of Alabama. Teachers receive valuable classroom resources including: field guides, posters, Project Learning Tree guides, activity kits, and more.

The workshop agenda has been reviewed by the Alabama Department of Education and designated as an AMSTI Affiliate Program. Earn 40 hours of CEUs (STIPD title TCW341).

This is a highly active workshop. Come prepared for field trips, nature walks, and Alabama's summer weather. In addition to the scheduled activities, participants enjoy networking with other educators as well as environmental specialists from throughout Alabama. Scheduled activities start early morning and end at night.

Registration

Hotels, meals, and materials are paid by sponsors. A \$75 registration fee reserves your spot in the program and is refundable with at least a two-week notice prior to the workshop. Registration is available online at www.alaforestry.org.

Please make plans to attend this exciting & educational environmental workshop.

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