South Central Arkansas, Central Arkansas Log a Load for Kids Drive to the Green

Multiple Log a Load for Kids Chapters around the state worked hard this month to draw hundreds of people to their events to help the patients of Arkansas Children’s.

About 28 teams met at the Glenwood Country Club June 6 to compete in the South Central Arkansas Log a Load for Kids Golf Tournament.

The day started a little rainy, but that didn’t stop the morning teams from competing. The weather eventually cleared and the afternoon teams teed off to wrap up the tournament.

Nicky Goff, the chair of the South Central chapter, said there were only a few teams who had to back out for various reasons. There were plenty of extra golfers to create more teams to fill in those gaps.

Two days later, the group held their South Central Arkansas Log a Load for Kids Dinner/Auction. The tables were filled with people ready to eat and donate. Before the auction began, the audience heard from Lauren Reynolds and her mother, Jeannie, who travel to various events that raise money for the hospital to tell Lauren’s story.

When she was younger, Lauren received care from Arkansas Children’s and is a child ambassador for the organization. After she explained how the donations from Log a Load for Kids helped her and other children like her, the audience gave Lauren a standing ovation.

David Smith, a member of the South Central chapter, said overall their attendance was good this year. Even though their events are over for 2019, there is still some work to be done.

“Next is completing this year with mail outs to donors and volunteers, thanking them for their efforts and contributions and completing all the paperwork,” Smith said.

Registration Open for Estate Planning Workshop for Forest Landowners

Registration is now available for a workshop designed to help landowners protect and preserve their assets.

Frank Dudeck will be the primary speaker for the Estate Planning Workshop for Forest Landowners on August 7 in Conway. He is an Elder Law Attorney and Certified Public Accountant who specializes in legal issues facing Arkansas seniors.

Attendees to the workshop will listen as Frank discusses how to protect assets, specifically land and farms, from the high costs of Long-Term Care. His talk will also include how with the correct legal planning techniques, a landowner can ensure that their assets can be preserved for themselves during their lifetime and be passed on to loved ones despite the circumstances that may occur.

Space is limited for the workshop and registration costs $10. This not only reserves you a spot, it also includes a boxed lunch.

“I will be discussing asset protection, land trusts specifically for timberland owners, and the importance of having an estate plan that is built to cover various circumstances such as taxes, asset protection, and long-

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A new month means a new Poll Yard Question! In June, we are looking to hear from you on how recent events have affected you and possible concerns you may have about the future.

June’s Question:

During AFA’s Annual Meeting, attendees will hear from Rocky Goodnow, the Vice President of the North American Timber Service at Forest Economic Advisors LLC. He leads the organization’s development on their timber econometric models, which are used in the analysis of future demand on timber supplies and value.

What are some of your questions about future timber markets? If applicable, how have the recent tariffs affected you?

You can submit your answer by visiting http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07egdavpdjljwb40gyw/start. If you would like your name published, make sure you add it to your answer.

FA friends take their seats as the Arkansas Travelers took on the Springfield Cardinals.

Foul balls, food and family drew a record number of people to Dickey-Stephens Park this year as the Arkansas Forestry Association hosted the third AFA Night with the Travs.

About 200 friends and families of forestry gathered at the ballpark on May 24 as the Arkansas Travelers played against the Springfield Cardinals. Before the first pitch, those who attended built a plate of food and caught up with friends.

Justin Mallett with the Arkansas Forestry Commission, attended with his wife and young children. He said having the family outing and opportunity for networking outside of an official setting is a big draw for him.

Before the first pitch, AFA Executive Vice President Max Braswell thanks everyone for coming.

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AFA POLL YARD

July 4-5
AFA Office Closed for 4th of July holiday

July 9
10 a.m. - Executive Committee Meeting
AFA Office
Little Rock

July 10
9 a.m. - PLT Early Childhood and Growing Up WILD Workshop
Potlatch Conservation Education Center at Cook’s Lake
Casscoe

9:30 a.m. - Forest Practices and Wildlife Committee Meeting
Arkansas State Chamber Conference Room
Little Rock

July 11
9 a.m. - PLT - Project WILD Pollinator Workshop
Witt Stephens Jr. Central Arkansas Nature Center
Little Rock

August 7
9 a.m. - Estate Planning Workshop for Forest Landowners
Dudeck Law Firm
Conway

September 4
10 a.m. - Program Committee Meeting
AFA Office
Little Rock

Please Note:
For meetings that are held at the AFA Office, please park on the street or in one of the area lots -- do not park in the Arkansas Chamber of Commerce parking lot.
Estate Planning Workshop, con’t.

In order to reserve your spot for this workshop, you can visit arkforests.org and click on the event in the calendar on the home page. Space is limited. Registration costs $10 per person and a box lunch will be provided.

The workshop is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. and end at 2:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Rob Beadel at rbeadel@arkforests.org.

Log a Load for Kids Events, con’t.

Both groups said they are incredibly grateful for all of the sponsors and volunteers who dedicate their time and service to help them help kids.

“To the people donating their time, their money and their best wishes, we THANK YOU,” Smith said. “Know a simple thank you isn’t much but it is sincerely meant.”

There are still plenty of Log a Load for Kids events left in the year. The next one is scheduled in Drew County on August 3. Central Arkansas will hold their dinner/ auction on September 7, and River Valley’s event will be September 21. Bradley County has yet to announce a date for their event.

For updates, you can visit arkforests.org and click Log a Load for Kids under the Programs tab.

This year the Log a Load for Kids group is finishing up their commitment made in 2017 to raise $1.5 million to fund a cardiothoracic surgery endowment. Not only will this complete that goal, but it will also bring their combined philanthropic support to $10 million.

The Log a Load for Kids chapters are currently in the process of choosing their next funding opportunity, which will be announced later this year.

AFA Night with the Travs, con’t.

Smokey Bear made an appearance at AFA Night with the Travs to celebrate his 75th birthday.

“I really enjoyed it,” Mallett said. “It was nice to be able to do something different.”

As the adults talked, the kids who attended met Smokey Bear to celebrate his 75th birthday before the game began.

“They seemed to really enjoy it,” Mallett said of his kids. “Last year, they were glued to the fence watching the game.”

For the past three years, more and more people have joined AFA staff at the ballpark.

“Our third AFA Night with the Travs couldn’t have been better,” said Max Braswell, AFA Executive Vice President. “We had perfect weather, a Travs victory and more important, nearly 200 AFA members, family and friends had the opportunity to get together and have fun. We are so grateful to everyone who attended and we look forward to next year.”

If you missed this event, AFA hosts plenty of others throughout the year. Keep an eye on the calendar at arkforests.org to see where we will be in the future.
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