



2019 Teacher Conservation Tour Workshop Series



The Teacher Conservation Tour Workshop Series - sponsored by the Arkansas Forestry Association Education Foundation through a grant from the Sustainable Forestry Initiative Inc. - will feature three 2-day workshops focusing on the environmental, ecological, and economic benefits of Arkansas's forestlands and timber industries.

These 2-day educational workshops will provide educators with time in the woods, learning about the interaction between forests, the environment, and the economy. Each session will include presentations on specific topics and in-the-field site visits and facility tours. Participants will also meet and learn from natural resource professionals and members of the forest industry who are in the field conducting this work on a regular basis.

Although these workshops provide teachers of grades K-12 with ADE-approved professional development, some topics may be geared to educators of specific grade levels. Workshops are open to all formal or non-formal educators to apply. *Applicants should be aware that these workshops will involve outdoor activities requiring walking in rough, uneven terrain and sometimes in adverse weather conditions.*

Space is limited to 25 participants *per session* and selected on a first-received, first-reserved basis.

Specific workshop details are provided below. Registration includes lunch, field transportation during the workshop, materials, resources, and ADE-approved professional development hours. Registration fees DO NOT include overnight lodging. Participants will need to make their own lodging reservations, as needed.

Session 1 - Prescribed Fire

March 12-13, 2019 — Bigelow, Arkansas (west of Little Rock)

This 2-day workshop will focus on the benefits and uses of prescribed fire to promote healthy forests. Topics include forest management, habitat restoration, fire weather, creating a burn plan, tools of the trade, and - if conditions allow - participating in a controlled burn. This session qualifies for 12 hours of ADE-approved PD.

- Workshop content is aimed at Jr. High and High School Educators.
- The registration fee is **FREE** courtesy of Central Arkansas Water. Space is limited.

Session 2 - Logs to Lumber

June 13-14, 2019 — Warren and Fordyce, Arkansas

This 2-day workshop will focus on what it takes to grow certified timber to provide raw materials to forest product manufacturers in the state. Topics include sustainable forest management, red-cockaded woodpecker habitat restoration, forestry tools of the trade, benefits of forest certification, and economic contributions of the forest industry. Workshop will also include tours of an operational dimensional lumber sawmill and an oriented strand board (OSB) mill. This session qualifies for 12 hours of ADE-approved PD.

- The registration fee is \$40 per person.

Session 3 - Pine to Power

June 27-28, 2019 — White Hall, Arkansas

This 2-day workshop will focus on the biomass energy market and how Arkansas timber is being grown to feed the renewable energy demand. Topics include an overview of biomass energy, sustainable forestry practices, benefits of forest certification, economic impacts of biomass markets, plus a tour of the Highland Pellet Mill and industrial and private forestland tours to view sustainable forestry practices in action. This session qualifies for 12 hours of ADE-approved PD.

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See Application Form for registration information.