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ARKANSAS TREE FARM INSPECTOR NEWS

INSPECTION DEADLINE APPROACHES

The deadline for completing the Required and Priority inspections is **September 1**.

There are:

- **39 Required Inspections** remaining,
- **3 Priority Inspections** remaining, and
- **239 Optional Inspections** remaining.



Please contact your District Chair today, to be assigned inspections.

We **MUST** complete all of the Required and Priority, and we, as a committee, have a goal of completing 25% of the Optional. If you have any questions, please email [Jennifer Johnson](mailto:Jennifer.Johnson@arkforests.org).

SUMMER ISSUE OF TREE FARMER NEWSLETTER TO BE MAILED

The summer issue of *Families & Forests*, the quarterly newsletter mailed to Arkansas Tree Farm Program participants has been sent to the printer and will be mailed next week. This issue showcased the educational benefits that are offered to participants of the program.

For a sneak peak, [CLICK HERE](#).

If you have any questions, please email [Jennifer Johnson](mailto:Jennifer.Johnson@arkforests.org).

Summer Forestry and Wildlife Practices

HELP RE-ESTABLISH THE CONNECTION

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TREE FARM FEE PAYMENTS BEING

POSTED

The annual invoices for Arkansas Tree Farm Program membership were mailed last month with a deadline for payment of **September 30**. Payments are being received and posted. Any Tree Farmer that was certified before 1/1/2017, that did not pay the fee in 2017 AND does not pay the fee by the deadline will be decertified.



You may determine if a landowner has paid the fee by looking at their records in the Tree Farm database. If looking at the landowner record, payment will be reflected in Person Field 1. If looking at the Tree Farm record, it will show payment in Farm Field 1.

A list of all Tree Farmers who have not paid by the deadline will be emailed out to the District Chairs in early October for review. Decertifications will take place in mid-October.

If you have any questions, please email [Jennifer Johnson](mailto:jennifer.johnson@arkforestry.com).

TF INSPECTORS & TREE FARMERS ENCOURAGED TO BE TRAINED IN PROJECT LEARNING TREE



Jacob Barrett, a Ranger I with Arkansas Forestry Commission, attended a PLT training on water quality earlier this week. Listen now to hear why this program is important to him.

A number of recent studies have reported the disconnect between today's school-age children and nature. Dramatically increasing rates of the use of electronic devices among children of all ages accounts for one reason that nature-based play is becoming less common than even 10 years ago. Helping children form connections with the natural world can shape the decisions they will make as adults regarding the value they place on natural resources and their use. Forestry education is an important part of the mission of the Arkansas Forestry Association, AFA Education Foundation and the Arkansas Tree Farm Program (ATFP). As a Tree Farmer, you realize the importance of sustainably managed forests and could be a valuable resource to your local school district.

The Arkansas Tree Farm Program would like you to consider two requests for partnering with teachers in your area to increase the

connection between their classroom and your forest:

1. The ATFP was recently approved for grant funding to provide a Project Learning Tree (PLT) workshop free of charge for any Tree Farmer and/or Tree Farm inspector who is interested in becoming trained in this award-winning environmental education curriculum. This training will put in your hands over 90 activities which use the environment as a fun and engaging learning tool to teach a variety of subjects -- and it gets students excited about nature! Once trained, you will be able to lead students in these activities at their school, or on your Tree Farm. You will have four opportunities to attend this 6-hour training course over the next few months. Please watch the calendar of events for details.

2. To help teachers connect with local forests that they can use as an outdoor classroom, the ATFP will be developing a list of Tree Farmers who are willing to host local schools for field trips.

Please e-mail [Jennifer Johnson](mailto:jenniferajohnson@uark.edu) or call her at 501-374-2441 for more information or if you or one of your landowners are interested in participating.

FOREST MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP & TOUR OFFERED

Join us for a Forest Management workshop & tour on Tuesday, September 11 (rain date of September 19).

Topics and guest speakers:

- Welcome & Introduction-Don Hubbell, Batesville Research Station
- Timber Harvesting-Wade Hargrave, Hargrave Forestry Management Services
- Prescribed Burning & Cost Share-Kenny Smothers, Arkansas Forestry Commission
- Clear Cuts & Final Harvests-Mike McGowan, Batesville Research Station
- Timber Pricing-Dr. Kyle Cunningham, U of A Research & Extension
- Meeting wrap-up-Max Braswell, Arkansas Forestry Association

Lunch will be provided.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION](https://tinyurl.com/batwellhelp)



The flyer is titled "Join us for a Forest Management/BMP Workshop & Tour" and is hosted by the University of Arkansas, Livestock & Forestry Research Station, located at 70 W Research Station Drive, Batesville, Arkansas 72501. The event is scheduled for Tuesday, September 11, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, with registration starting at 8:30 a.m. A rain date of Wednesday, September 19, is also listed. The flyer includes a list of topics and guest speakers: Welcome & Introduction by Don Hubbell; Timber Harvesting by Wade Hargrave; Prescribed Burning & Cost Share by Kenny Smothers; Clear Cuts & Final Harvests by Mike McGowan; Timber Pricing by Dr. Kyle Cunningham; and a Meeting wrap-up by Max Braswell. Lunch will be provided. A registration link is given as https://tinyurl.com/batwellhelp with the phone number 501.374.2441. Logos for the Arkansas Forestry Commission, Arkansas Agriculture Department, and the University of Arkansas are at the bottom.

INSPECTOR INCENTIVE ANNOUNCED

As discussed at the recent Inspector Meeting, several grants were submitted to the American Tree Farm System for review and approval. One of these grants, **A Project to Increase**



Inspector Participation in Arkansas, has been approved.

Related to inspections conducted in 2018:

Activity 1: INSPECTOR MENTORING PROGRAM

Inspectors conducting five inspections or less in 2017 will be identified. The District Chair (DC) will contact Inspectors to determine cause of low activity.

- If inspections have not been assigned, the DC will ensure that Tree Farms are assigned.
- If lack of training / familiarity with the process, the DC will assign an experienced Inspector to mentor with the inspection process.
- **Mentors will receive a \$50 stipend** for each inspection assist. (NOTE: If you mentor an inspector on an inspection, send Jennifer an email with the Tree Farm #, Inspection Date and Inspector name)

Activity 2: INSPECTION INCENTIVE

To encourage multiple inspections, the Inspector is entered into a drawing with **prizes worth \$500, \$250, and \$100** for each inspection completed in 2018.

NOTE: Prizes and stipends will be distributed at the December Inspector's luncheon. Inspections completed in 2018, on/before November 30, 2018, will be included.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

HUNTING LEASES and LANDOWNER
LIABILITY FOR LANDOWNERS

August 28

Fordyce Civic Center, Fordyce, AR

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6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



TREE FARM INSPECTOR COMMITTEE MEETING

August 29

AFA Office, Little Rock

10 a.m.

FOREST MANAGEMENT/BMP WORKSHOP & TOUR

September 11

UA Livestock & Forest Research Station, Batesville

9 a.m.

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FOREST MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP / AFA ANNUAL MEETING

October 2 - 4

Hotel Hot Springs, Hot Springs, AR

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PLT / PROJECT WILD WORKSHOP

October 12

Logoly State Park, McNeil

9 a.m.

PLT / PROJECT WILD WORKSHOP

October 19

Lake Dardanelle State Park, Russellville

9 a.m.

2018 OUTSTANDING TREE FARMER OF THE YEAR TOUR

October 26

Location TBA

9 a.m.

LANDOWNER LEGACY COMMUNICATION WORKSHOP

November 16

UA Cooperative Extension, Little Rock

9:30 a.m.

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PLT / PROJECT WILD WORKSHOP

December 14

Forrest L. Wood Crowley's Ridge Nature Center, Jonesboro

9 a.m.

