In-Depth Look at AFA’s 76th Annual Meeting Events

You only have a few weeks left to register for AFA’s 76th Annual Meeting and to take advantage of early bird prices.

There are only about two months left to register for the Arkansas Forestry Association’s 76th Annual Meeting, and we have a lot planned for our first meeting back in person since 2019.

This month, AFA wanted to give you an inside look at what we have going on during our October meeting at the Embassy Suites in Rogers.

On the morning of Tuesday, October 5, our recreational activities will start off the three-day meeting. We will be gathering at the Lost Springs Golf & Athletic Club also located in Rogers, for our golfers. The course has been the site of numerous mini-tour events, and according to their website, is famous for its firm, fast greens, and tree lined fairways. You can find more information about our golf location at lostspringsgolfac.com. Our second recreational activity will be a trap shoot at the Bella Vista Sportsman’s Club located at 16301 Rocky Dell Hollow Road, Gravette, AR 72736.

If you are interested in either of these events, make sure to sign up for the activity of your choice during registration. It will cost $100 to golf and $60 for the trap shoot covering your food, green fees, a cart, and shells, depending on your activity. Each will start around 9 a.m.

Later in the day beginning at noon, registration and exhibitor set-up will begin. A table with AFA staff will be available for attendees to sign in and pick up meeting information until 6 p.m.

The Forest Management Workshop will begin at 1 p.m. with three speakers presenting information ranging from management techniques for white-tailed deer to forestry ethics. Our first speaker is Ralph Meeker with the Arkansas Game & Fish Commission. He will be discussing the commission’s Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP). Cheyne Matzenbacher with the National Deer Association will follow up with a discussion on Forest and Woodland Management Techniques for White-tailed Deer. The Forestry Ethics presentation with Dr. Vic Ford from the UA Cooperative Extension Service will conclude the workshop.

To round out our Tuesday activities, the AFA Board of Directors will meet from 5 to 6 p.m. The Farm Credit of Arkansas Opening Reception will then take place in the exhibit hall, where we will have finger foods and drinks. From there, we will break for dinner on your own.

On the morning of Wednesday, October 6, exhibitors can start setting up their tables at 7 a.m. and registration will begin at 7:30. An hour later, we will welcome and introduce our general session with AFA Executive Vice President Max Braswell. Dave Tenny with the National Alliance of Forest Owners will be our first speaker. His presentation, Forestry as a Natural Climate Solution, will begin at 8:45 a.m. When he concludes, we will go into a 30-minute break before WoodWorks-Wood Product Council’s Jason Bahr begins his discussion on the Benefits of Building with Wood. Our sponsored lunch will cap off the morning events of our general session.

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Ready, Set, Light!: Landowners Uniting to Increase Prescribed Burning in The Natural State

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