



2026 Alabama Forest Landowner Conference

The 45th Annual Meeting of the

Alabama Forest Owners' Association, Inc.

Friday & Saturday, April 24-25, 2026

Auburn Marriott Opelika Resort & Spa at Grand National, Opelika, AL



FRIDAY APRIL 24th EVENTS

Kreher Preserve & Nature Center Guided Tour

10 AM Friday, April 24

Location: 2222 North College Street, Auburn.

Description: Leave early and visit with Michael Buckman the Manager of the Preserve to see how wood has transformed the learning environment of a public school. It's the first of its kind in Alabama. This outdoor learning environment uses engineered lumber such as GluLam and Cross Laminated Timber.

Two Rivers Lumber Mill Tour

1 PM Friday, April 24

Location: Be the first to see the brand new state of the art sawmill in Kellyton, AL. Meet at Mill site.

Limited Attendance: Limited to the first 45 to register. The tour takes about an hour.

Must Also Be Registered for Conference: Once you register for the Conference and the tour, additional information will be provided regarding location and parking.

Requirements: Must be able to safely/comfortably walk & climb stairs. Wear close-toed shoes.



Forestry 101 Field Day

1 PM Friday, April 24

Location: On the Grounds of the Auburn Marriott Opelika Resort.

Description: Forestry Consultant Joseph Capps leads a team to demonstrate practical skills, provide advice and hands on activities. Bring someone you'd like to introduce to the forestry basics.

Must Also Be Registered for Conference: Once you register for the Conference and the field day, additional information will be provided regarding location and parking.

Fee: \$5.00. A General Registration is also required.

Reception/Social Hour

5:30 PM, Friday, April 24

Location: Auburn Marriott Opelika at Grand National.

Description: Enjoy heavy hors d'oeuvres & a cashbar while mingling with our exhibitors, catching up with old friends, and making new acquaintances with other forest landowners.

Fee: Included with your General Registration.

SATURDAY APRIL 25th EVENTS

General Conference (Tentative Agenda)

8 AM – 4 PM, Saturday, April 25

Location: Auburn Marriott Opelika, Conference Center. Take advantage of refreshments and spend some time learning from our exhibitors. Then, head on into the meeting.

8:00 Meet and Greet: Coffee and Muffins with Exhibitors

8:30 Welcome to Auburn.

Dr. Janaki Alavalapati, Dean of College of Forestry, Wildlife & Environment

8:35 President's Welcome and Business Meeting

Mafus R. Bird, Jr. President, Alabama Forest Owners' Association

8:40 Timber Stand Improvement with Hack and Squirt Techniques

Tyler Sibley, Alabama Forest Foundation

9:05 Use Caution When Agreeing to Store Carbon Under Your Land.

Attorney T. Bruce McGowin, Hand Arendall

9:30 Coffee Break With Exhibitors

10:00 Managing Expectations When Making a Timber Sale.

John Ross Havard, Sizemore and Sizemore

10:25 Mystery Guest

11:00 How Mass Timber Could Significantly Increase Demand for Wood.

Troy Harris, Jamestown LP

12:00 Lunch and Meet with Exhibitors

1:30 Improving Wildlife Habitat on Your Property.

Mark Thomas, Forestry/Wildlife Integration

2:00 Legal Action Filed to Prevent Trespass by Game Wardens.

Suranjan Sen, Institute for Justice

2:30 Timber Taxation

Dr. Tammy Cushing, University of Florida

3:00 Use of Drones in Forestry Applications.

John and Louie Harris, Harris Precision Solutions

HERE'S WHAT'S IN STORE FOR YOU.

Presenters stepping beyond their prepared remarks. Discovering fresh perspectives through engaging tours and field days. Building authentic, lasting connections. Taking part in vibrant receptions and mixers. Chance encounters that spark ideas in the hallway. Exhibitors offering practical, valuable insights. Dynamic Q&A sessions. Setting up one-on-one meetings. Finally meeting face-to-face with people you've exchanged countless emails with. Sharing genuine passion and commitment. Coffee & Muffins.

Reserve Your Room at the Auburn Marriott Opelika Grand National: Call (800) 593-6456.

If calling, access AFOA's block of rooms, by mentioning the **AFOA Group Code: FOAFOAA**.

OR book your room here: <https://tinyurl.com/26amblock>

Register Now and Save by Using this Advance Registration

Please print name as it is to appear on name tag. Refunds will be made if AFOA is notified by April 15, 2026.

Name: _____ Spouse or Additional Person: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City, State, & Zip: _____ Email: _____

of Attendees

Annual Meeting General Registration *(required for every attendee)*

Reception

Kreher Preserve & Nature Center Guided Tour

Forestry Field Day *(Participants cannot attend both the Field Day and Two Rivers)*

Two Rivers Lumber Mill Tour

_____ @ \$155 per person
\$180 per person after March 31

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Complete and return registration form with check or money order to:
AFOA - Annual Meeting, P. O. Box 361434, Birmingham, AL 35236

TOTAL DUE \$ _____