

Forestry on the Grow

2008 Forest Utilization Conference & Expo

**Exploring Opportunities and New Technologies for
Natural Resources Management
and the Wood Products Industry**



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Forestry on the Grow is the 13th Annual Oklahoma Forest Utilization Conference and Equipment Exposition for *Exploring Opportunities and New Technologies for Natural Resources Management and the Wood Products Industry*. Presented by Ouachita Mountains RC&D, Inc. in cooperation with a team of dedicated professionals and generous sponsors, the purpose for the conference and expo is sharing information with not only those who are currently involved in the forest industry but also those considering opportunities in this growing segment of the economy.

The conference is designed with two concurring sessions for you to choose from that focus on the interests of:

- Forest landowners, or
- Primary forest products/Secondary wood manufacturers

Included in this year's conference are:

- "Walk in the Woods" Tour,
- GPS Field Trip,
- Marketing on the World Wide Web
(check out www.reynoldsforestry.com), and
- 11.5 CFE hours for professional foresters.

In conjunction with the conference, there is an equipment and demonstration exposition where manufacturers of forestry-related products and equipment will highlight the latest technology available to the forest industry. Service providers will also be on hand to share the services they have available for the industry.

The Conference & Expo is being held at Western Hills Guest Ranch which is located on the shores of beautiful Lake Fort Gibson in Sequoyah Resort Park surrounded by the forests and wildlife of northeastern Oklahoma. The lodge and park facilities include an 18-hole golf course, riding stable, hiking trails, boat ramps, and more. You and your family can get away for a few days of learning and pleasure.

Pre-registration cost for the conference and exposition is \$100.00 per person and includes admittance to all conference sessions and exhibit areas, 4 meals, evening hospitality, and one-on-one consultation with industry professionals who want to help you improve your business. (Limited financial assistance is available to help with conference-related costs. See details on the back of this brochure.)

Exceptional Experts

A renowned and diverse group of speakers and presenters, who are experts in their respective fields, are being assembled for the conference.

Professors from the Department of Wood Science at Virginia Polytechnic Institute will be on hand to share their knowledge with conference participants. Dr. Fred Lamb will have sessions on *Basics of Lumber Drying* and *Insect Control & Kiln Schedules*, and Dr. Brian Bond will address *Hardwood Log Grading*, and *Cutting for Grade*.

Other presenters of note include:

- * Dr. Robert Tufts, Auburn University
- * Dr. Deborah Gaddis, Mississippi State University,
- * Drs. Mark Gibson & George Grozdits, Louisiana Tech,
- * Dr. Craig McKinley, Oklahoma State University,
- * Dr. Matt Pelkki, University of Arkansas at Monticello

and other professionals addressing topics relative to today's forest industry .

You won't want to miss this unique opportunity to take advantage of a wealth of knowledge, network with the speakers and presenters, exchange information with others in professions similar to your own, and make valuable contacts for potential resources.

For additional information,
please visit our website

www.forestryonthegrow.com

EXHIBITS & DEMONSTRATIONS

These are some of the Exhibits you'll see at *Forestry on the Grow 2008*

- * Aromatic Cedar Association
- * Bronco Pallet Systems, Inc.
- * Construction Safety Products, Inc.
- * Diamond Saw Works
- * E Z Boardwalk
- * Log-Master Portable Sawmill Manufacturing, Inc.
- * NW Arkansas RC&D Wood Pellet Stoves & Cookers
- * Nyle Dry Kiln Systems
- * The Oklahoma Alliance for Manufacturing Excellence
- * Oklahoma Dept of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry
- * Oklahoma Forestry Association
- * OSU Cooperative Extension Service
- * Oklahoma Woodland Owners Association
- * P & K Riverside Equipment
- * Rotochopper
- * The Society of American Foresters
- * USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
- * Wood-Mizer

~Exhibit space still available – Call 918.423.2479 for information & to reserve your space~

SPECIAL EVENTS

~ *Door Prizes* throughout the conference provided by the Sponsors and Exhibitors ~

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~ *Group Meetings* ~

Aromatic Cedar Association – 7:00 PM Wednesday

Oklahoma Woodland Owners Association **Board of Directors** Meeting – 7:30 PM Wednesday

Oklahoma Chapter of the Society of American Foresters – 6:30 AM Thursday

Oklahoma Woodland Owners Association Annual Meeting – 5:15 PM Thursday

*(Group Meeting times are subject to change)*

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~*Complimentary Evening Hospitality* provided by Oklahoma Woodland Owners Association~

The Bunkhouse (north end of lodge) – includes heavy Hors d'oeuvres

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~ *CASH and CHAINSAW DRAWINGS* – Friday (must be present to win) ~  
(Chainsaw provided by Adam True Value & Ag Supply, McAlester, Oklahoma)

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~ *Society of American Foresters members* ~

attend the conference and qualify to apply for 11.5 CFE contact hours in category 1 toward a Society of American Foresters Continuing Education Certificate

LODGING INFORMATION

Western Hills Guest Ranch lodging rate for the conference is \$60/night single or \$70 double. Room Reservations should be made directly to them at 918-772-2545 or toll free at **1-800-368-1486**. (Mention this conference to receive special rates.) – *Deadline for Room Reservations is April 18th.*

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

For any additional conference information, please contact Ouachita Mountains RC&D, Inc. Telephone 918.423.2479 ~ Email linda.parkhurst@ok.usda.gov ~ Website www.forestryonthegrow.com

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