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Hardwoods for Hard Times

KWOA 2010 Annual Meeting Addresses Forest Economy Interests

Kentucky woodland owners may sometimes wonder, in these difficult economic times, if maintaining their forested properties is really worth it. Some may be considering a timber harvest but aren't sure how to go about it. Others have done that and wonder if there are any other economic advantages to be had between harvests.

The KWOA 2010 Annual Meeting addresses just those concerns. Field trips, lectures and demonstrations at

Barren River State Park April 16-17 will help woodland owners understand timber assessment, tax issues and financial incentives for maintaining their woodlands.

We are not out of the woods yet! Join us for the best opportunity of the year to meet the pros and your fellow woodland owners, pick up valuable information, learn about upcoming forest-related events and chart your course for a more successful year as a woodland owner.

Send in the registration form in this newsletter or register online at www.kwoa.net. See you at Barren River!



Doug McLaren engages participants in the Forestry Bowl at the 2009 KWOA annual meeting.

Friday, April 16

- 10:00 a.m. Woodland trails
Outdoors – Led by Recreation
Director/Park Naturalists
- 11:30 a.m. KWOA Board luncheon and meeting dining
room
- 1- 4 p.m. Registration lower lobby level
- 1 p.m. Timber management woods walk
Highland Game Field -
KDF Service Foresters
- 3 p.m. Log grading
Saw mill representatives
Sawmill (WoodMizer) demonstration
Highland Game Field -
Felix Taylor, KY Tree Farmer of the Year
- 5:30-6:30 p.m. Social
Tartan Room
- 6:30 p.m. Buffet dinner
- 7 p.m. Welcome - Betty Williamson, KWOA President

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KWOA Initiates Service Forester Award

Service foresters are a staple in the lives of many woodland owners. These KDF foresters conduct forest assessments and make recommendations that guide property owners' decisions regarding timber management, water quality protection, wildlife habitat improvement and recreational/aesthetic potential. The service forester then develops a forest stewardship plan based on the woodland owner's preferences and priorities for the property. The five-year plan lays out recommended practices for proper forest management. It is also a prerequisite for application to many state and federal incentive and cost-sharing programs.



James Morris in the woods preparing management plan and follow-up to a harvest.

The Kentucky Division of Forestry employs 23 service foresters distributed across its nine districts. KWOA desires to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of these service foresters. The association initiated the Outstanding Service Forester Award in 2009 to solicit nominations for the first award to be presented at the 2010 KWOA Annual Meeting. Applications must demonstrate overall professionalism, volume of work, relationships with woodland owners, responsiveness to requests and sustained excellence over a period of time. Supporting documentation and letters detailed work history, achievements that particularly related to success in working with woodland owners and their impacts and other contributions by the nominee such as work on committees, task forces and leadership positions.

The applications were reviewed by the KWOA newsletter editor for completeness and by the Kentucky Division of

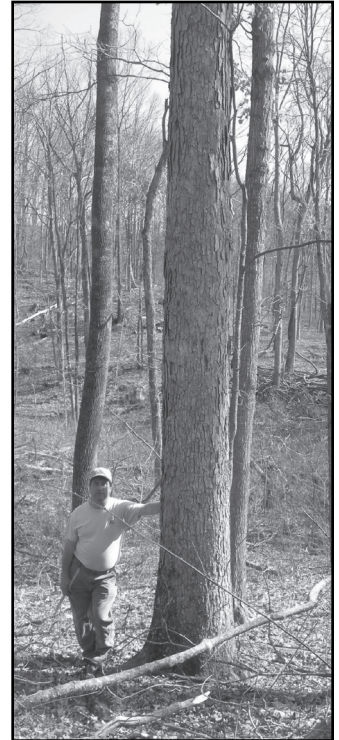
Forestry for accuracy. The final nomination was selected by the KWOA board.

KWOA is pleased to present the 2010 Outstanding Service Forester Award to James Morris, Service Forester, KDF Green River District. Morris has provided professional forestry advice and technical assistance to approximately 164 woodland owners in the twelve-county district. During the past three years his services included the preparation of 119 forest management/stewardship plans and certification/re-certification of nine American Tree Farms. During that time Morris marked 93 acres of timber for harvest and 124 acres for timber stand improvement. He supervised tree planting on 170 acres and conducted 123 education programs.

A service forester for fifteen years, Morris has won a reputation among woodland owners and numerous state agencies for being dependable and accessible. His guidance to one tree farm in his district resulted in its being designated Kentucky Tree Farm of the Year in 2009.

The KWOA Service Forester Award will be presented to Morris as KWOA's special guest at the 2010 Annual Meeting.

KWOA members are encouraged to submit nominations for the 2011 award. Application criteria and instructions will be available in the fall newsletter and on the KWOA website.



KWOA members and partners receive forestry awards

Congratulations to several KWOA members and partners on their receipt of the following awards:

National Association of State Foresters Sustained Excellence Award - Leah MacSwords, KDF director

Kentucky Tree Farmer of the Year – Felix Taylor, Annville, KWOA board member

Kentucky-Tennessee Chapter of the Society of American Foresters Herman Baggenstoss Forestry Recognition Award - Greg Kuhns, Louisville, KWOA board of directors

2010 Woodland Owners Short Course

The 2010 Kentucky Woodland Owners Short Course (WOSC) is being developed to provide educational opportunities for the woodland owners of Kentucky.

Not only will you have an opportunity to meet and learn from forestry and natural resource professionals that can help you manage your property, you will also meet fellow woodland owners that are facing many of the same challenges as you. No matter what your interests are, the WOSC has a session for you. We encourage you to come with questions and leave with answers.

How can family woodland owners realize their woodlands full potential? By attending the Woodland Owners Short Course (WOSC). Based on your experience and interest levels, you can attend one of two educational tracks lead by Kentucky forestry and natural resources experts. Woodland owners participating in the WOSC will self-select the most appropriate track based on the statements below:

Follow the arrows and select the track with two or more statements in which you most relate. Couples can split up to attend both tracks.

<p><i>I don't know my options as it relates to managing my woodlands.</i></p> <p><i>I am not sure of the services and assistance available to help me manage my woodlands.</i></p> <p><i>I am fairly new to woodland ownership.</i></p>	<p><i>I have identified objectives for my woodlands and have a management plan.</i></p> <p><i>I have worked with forestry and other natural resource professionals in managing my woodlands.</i></p> <p><i>I have owned my woodlands for some time and am looking to become more active in its management.</i></p>
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Consider registering for the Green Track.



Consider registering for the Gold Track.

The WOSC will be conducted on Saturdays and includes a youth program for ages 7 and up. Even if you have attended a WOSC in the past, there will be lots of valuable information to help you get the most from your woodlands. Plan to bring the family and join us for an educational experience that will have lasting benefits for you and your family. We look forward to working with you this summer!

WOSC REGISTRATION

Name(s) _____

Youth Name(s) and age(s) 5-17 years of age _____

Home address (street and/or box number) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail address _____

Daytime Phone _____

I own _____ woodland acres in _____ county.

Course Fees (Pre-registration strongly encouraged):

Sessions are \$25. Couples \$40. Youth \$5. (\$5 extra day of program) Registration includes: lunch, clipboard, resource CD, and educational programs from some of the best forestry and natural resource experts in Kentucky.

Visa/MasterCard accepted by phone or mail.

Circle one: Visa MasterCard

Expiration date: _____ month / _____ year

or checks payable to: **UK Department of Forestry**

Please check the track(s) you wish to attend:

East Region	West Region	Central Region
Breathitt County	Caldwell County	Casey County
August 21	August 28	Sept. 11
Green Track <input type="checkbox"/>	Green Track <input type="checkbox"/>	Green Track <input type="checkbox"/>
Gold Track <input type="checkbox"/>	Gold Track <input type="checkbox"/>	Gold Track <input type="checkbox"/>

Mail your registration form to:

**Woodland Owners Short Course
UK Forestry Extension
216 T. P. Cooper Building
Lexington, KY 40546-0076**

Register on-line at: **www.ukforestry.org**

Information contact:

859.257.7597 or visit www.ukforestry.org

Highlights from February 18 Quarterly Board Meeting

Nina Cornett made a presentation to the board concerning timber theft/property rights/responsibilities. KWOA will post the materials on its website and one issue at a time will be used in future newsletters.

Jerry Adams and Rodney Hendrickson (NRCS) made a presentation concerning NRCS funding opportunities for woodland management. EQUIP, WHIP, CStP, HFRP. Links for more information:

www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/ and www.ky.nrcs.usda.gov/

An amendment to the by-Laws was passed that will allow

transaction of KWOA business by electronic or phone voting without holding an official meeting. The results will be ratified at the following meeting.

The Kentucky Division of Forestry reported concern for fire suppression and nursery operations at a legislative budget hearing regarding natural resource issues if the KFD budget was not met.

Meeting attendees were asked to complete an on-line survey for the Forest Land Assessment at www.forestry.ky.gov/

National Farm Bill provides funding opportunities for woodland owners

The USDA Farm Bill contains a number of programs that provide financial incentives to Kentucky's woodland owners for forest health, conservation and wildlife habitat improvement. Administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service, these programs review and approve applications on a rolling deadline basis. Interested woodland owners are encouraged to apply at anytime. Four programs are available for 2010:

EQIP – Environmental Quality Incentives Program

WHIP – Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program
CStP – Conservation Stewardship Program
HFRP – Healthy Forest Reserve Program

Information on the programs and their continuous sign-up can be found at USDA Service Centers, local Conservation District offices and the following websites:
www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs
www.ky.nrcs.usda.gov



2010 Calendar of Events

April 16 -17, 2010
KWOA Annual Meeting
Barren River State Park

May 31 - June 4, 2010
Kentucky Forest Leadership Program
UK's Lake Cumberland 4-H Educational Center,
Jabez, Kentucky (near Somerset)
INFO: Doug McLaren, 859.257.2703

August 21, 2010
Woodland Owners Short Course
Breathitt County — East KY

August 28, 2010
Woodland Owners Short Course
Caldwell County — West KY
INFO: 859.257.7597

September 11, 2010
Woodland Owners Short Course
Casey County — Central KY
INFO: 859.257.7597

Kentucky Forest Leadership Program for High School Students

by Doug McLaren

If you know high school students entering their junior or senior year, consider encouraging them to be a part of the Kentucky Forest Leadership Program. For more than 50 years, high school students interested in learning about forestry and natural resource management while developing leadership skills have attended this event. It will be the one week of their summer break they won't forget.

This program's hands-on approach to learning is sure to get anyone excited about forestry. Truly "getting your hands dirty" provides the opportunity to know the depths, surprises, and excitement of one of Kentucky's most plentiful natural resources—forests. While the week-long experience concentrates on forest management, the students will also explore a variety of related fields such as civil engineering, soil science, wildlife habitat assessment, entomology, water quality, and wood products.

The Kentucky Forest Leadership Program gives the student a chance to learn how to think, not what to think. The program will develop leadership skills by letting students work cooperatively to resolve an environmental issue. The major project for the week is a group presentation of an environmental management plan for a designated forested area using the skills learned during the course.


Training and facilitating will be done by professional forestry and natural resource managers from the University of Kentucky's Department of Forestry, Kentucky Division of Conservation, Kentucky Division of Forestry, and private natural resource leaders.

The leadership program takes place in a forest setting at the University of Kentucky's Leadership Center located on Lake Cumberland in Jabez, approximately 20 miles west of Somerset.

For more information concerning the Kentucky Forest Leadership Program and how you can assist a high school student to register, contact Douglas McLaren, Department of Forestry, University of Kentucky, 859.257.2703, or visit the Web site at www.kyforestrycamp.com or www.ca.uky.edu/entomology/news/kfelp.asp - for the Entomology Option for an online brochure. This year's program dates are May 31 to June 4, 2010.

Deadline for registration is May 14, 2010. The total fee for the Kentucky Forest Leadership Program is \$295 (including the \$50 nonrefundable application fee). Enrollment is limited to 25 students. Up to two applications per county will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.





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Please send my KWOA newsletter to:

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Company _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____ Email: _____

Old Address: _____

KWOA Annual Meeting Agenda

Barren River State Park - April 16 - 17, 2010

	Introduction of speaker - Henry Duncan, KWOA Vice President	11 a.m.	Panel discussion/ questions from the audience - Chaired by Henry Duncan, Leah MacSwords, Billy Thomas, Jerry Adams, Scott Shouse, Bob Bauer, Betty Williamson
7:45 p.m.	Awards - KWOA Service Forester Award		
	Recognition of additional award recipients	11:45 a.m.	Annual KWOA business meeting By laws update discussion Board members election
8 p.m.	State of Kentucky's Forest and Forest Assessment - Leah MacSwords, KDF Director		Annual KWOA Foundation business meeting By laws update discussion Board members election
8:30 p.m.	Forestry Bowl - Doug McLaren, KWOA Secretary		
		12:15 p.m.	KWOA Board meeting Officer election KWOA Found ation meeting Officer election
	<u>Saturday, April 17</u>		
8 a.m.	Welcome - Betty Williamson, KWOA President		
	Tree Farm Committee/ ATF Certification Pam Snyder, KWF, Tree farm committee	12:30 p.m.	Adjourn
8:30 a.m.	Kentucky Forestry Issues and Local For- estry Organizations: Survey Results - Billy Thomas, UK Dept. of Forestry		
	Kentucky Woodlands Tax Project - Dr. Andrew Stainback, UK Dept. of For- estry		
	Emerald Ash Borer - John Obrycki - UK Entomology		
9:30 a.m.	Carbon Credit Update - Scott Shouse, MACED		
10 a.m.	Break		
10:15 a.m.	USDA Farm Bill programs available for forestry - Jerry Adams, USDA/NRCS		
10:30 a.m.	Legislative update - Bob Bauer, KFIA		
	Kentucky Forest Industries Association update - KFIA officer		

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**2010 KENTUCKY
WOODLAND OWNERS ASSOCIATION
and FOUNDATION ANNUAL MEETING**

Barren River Lake State Resort Park
1149 State Park Road
Lucas, KY 42156-9709
Phone: 270.646.2151 / 800.325.0057

April 16 - 17, 2010

PLEASE PRINT

NAME _____

SPOUSE/GUEST NAME _____

(optional)
TREE FARM/BUSINESS NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE/ZIP _____

PHONE NUMBERS _____

E-MAIL _____

Registration package includes:

Friday April 16: Outdoor activities and demonstrations, reception, and dinner

Saturday April 17: Indoor presentations and the 2010 annual meeting and election of board members and officers.

Registration - \$35.00 per person includes dinner

_____ X \$35.00 = \$ _____

Send registration and payment to :

KWOA
1483 Big Run Road
Wallingford, KY 41093
Phone: 606.876.3423

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT CAN ALSO BE MADE VIA PAY PAL ON OUR WEBSITE

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Please make your room reservations separately with :

Barren River Lake State Resort Park
1149 State Park Road
Lucas, KY 42156-9709
Phone: 270.646.2151 / 800.325.0057

A block of rooms and some cottages with a special reduced rate have been reserved for KWOA until February 16, 2010. Please state that you are attending the KWOA MEETING when making your reservation.

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Members are encouraged to attend.

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