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KWOA 2018 Annual Meeting

Kentucky Woodland Owners Association 2018 Annual Meeting convenes at General Butler State Park March 20 - 21



To register for the meeting online go to KWOA.net and visit the Annual meeting page.

Mark your calendar to attend our annual meeting March 20-21 at General Butler State Park in Carrollton, Kentucky. General Butler State Park overlooks the Ohio River approximately 1 1/2 hours from Lexington and less than an hour from Louisville.

General Butler State Park is Northern Kentucky's first state park and one of the first 10 in the commonwealth. On August 12, 1931, a 300-acre tract comprising part of the old William O. Butler family farm became Kentucky's sixth state park. Not only is the park a historic site, it is also a place of great natural beauty. This is the only spot in Kentucky that has the unique view of the convergence of the Kentucky and Ohio Rivers.

The theme for this year's meeting is **Your Woodlands at Work**. The entire event will begin with two tours of how oak barrels are being used in the distillery and wine industry. Both of the products are being made locally in Kentucky.

The event begins on Tuesday morning in Frankfort, Kentucky at the Buffalo Trace Distillery. For over 200 years, Buffalo Trace has been defined by a dedication to one craft; making fine bourbon whiskey. After a tour of this facility we will move on north to the Elk Creek Winery to better understand how white oak and the wine industry are connected. Lunch will be provided while at the winery.

After visiting Elk Creek you can proceed to General Butler State Park to continue with the annual meeting events including a buffet meal and several topics of interest to woodland owners. The following morning, March 21, the educational program continues.



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Newsletter Launches Family Woodland Series

KWOA in affiliation with UK Forestry Extension is launching a new Family Woodland Fun series for members and their families. The first in the series on page 4 introduces youth to family woodlands and highlight things to do in your woodlands as a family while encouraging a little citizen science. Make a special effort to get this series in front of your children and grandchildren!

A Message From Your President

A few months ago a KWOA member came to the KWOA board with concerns about a recent timber harvest. He indicated that he had been satisfied with the price received for his timber but was unhappy with the way that some of the harvest had been conducted, especially the condition of the land. He understood that new growth will improve much of the ragged appearance in a year or two, but believed that some of the conditions that were left would cause permanent damage to the environment. He asked KWOA to advise our members to be careful when considering a timber harvest. Some things are difficult or impossible to correct after the fact.

The most important thing you can do is to become educated about the entire process. If you have little formal forestry education it is likely that everyone you deal with in a timber

sale knows more about the business than you do. Everyone involved has personal interests in the sale, and their interests may or may not be the same as yours. Knowledge is power.

Karen Marshall, the KWOA editor, included a link to a number of useful articles in the fall newsletter. I recently saw an excellent publication on this topic from North Carolina State Extension at www.ncsu.edu/timber_sales. You will be directed to a 35-page document that covers many of the potential issues surrounding a timber sale and harvest.

One of the best ways to gain knowledge about timber marketing, and woodland management in general, is to attend the KWOA annual meeting and visit with other woodland owners to learn what experiences they have had. I hope to see you there.

-- Frank Hicks, KWOA President

2018 KWOA and KWOF Annual Meeting Agenda

Your Woodlands at Work

General Butler State Park Conference Center
Carrollton, Kentucky

Tuesday, March 20

10 AM Tour Buffalo Trace Distillery

(<http://www.buffalotracedistillery.com/>)

The first stop will begin at the Buffalo Trace Distillery in Frankfort, Kentucky. From either Louisville or Lexington take I-64 and get off at Exit 58 and turn north onto US 60 west towards downtown Frankfort. Go straight for 5 miles and do not make any turns. This road will become 421 north and US 127 south and Wilkinson Blvd. After you drop off the hill into Frankfort the entrance to Buffalo Trace Distillery will be on your right. Look for the green plank fence and turn right through the big stone gates.

We will be setting out signs as you get close to the turn into Buffalo Trace Distillery. Signs also will be placed to direct you to the correct parking lot for the tour.



A tour will be made of Buffalo Trace explaining the history and production of Buffalo Trace's products. There will be an opportunity to sample and purchase products.

11:45 AM Depart Buffalo Trace Distillery and proceed to Elk Creek Winery

(<http://www.elkcreekvineyards.com/>)

When leaving Buffalo Trace Distillery, turn left. Travel only a mile or so and exit to your right to state route 2261 and 127. At the stop sign turn left (north) on 127. It is suggested that you not use "street pilots" to next location. Best route would be to go to Owenton where 127 intersects with route 227. Turn right on 227. In less than 5 miles turn left on 1883 and 330. Again, signs will be set out for you.

12:30 PM Lunch on site at Elk Creek Winery

Upon arriving at Elk Creek Winery lunch will be provided. Following the lunch there will be a tour of the facility explaining the production of their wines.

3:00 PM Depart from Elk Creek Winery proceeding to General Butler State Park

Proceed back to 227 from the winery and turn right. In Owenton follow 127 north until you come to route 35. Turn left on 35 and proceed to the interstate 71 and proceed west to General Butler/Carrollton exit 44. Turn right and proceed north to the General Butler State Park entrance on your left (approximately three miles from the interstate.) The park lodge is at the top of the hill. The trip from Elk Creek Winery to General Butler State Park is approximately 45 minutes.

6:00 PM KWOA and KWOA Annual Awards Banquet

(located in the General Butler Conference Center - a short walk from the lodge).

Following the banquet:

- University of Kentucky Forestry and Natural Resource Student Presentation
- University of Kentucky Forestry and Natural Resource Student Scholarship KWOA Award Presentation
- Kentucky Division of Forestry Service Foresters Award Presentation
- Kentucky and National Tree Farm Report
- Society of American Foresters Baggenstoss Award
- Presentation of Leopold Program

Wednesday, March 21

(Breakfast on your own / please make arrangements for check out)

(Meeting will resume again at the General Butler Conference Center)

8:30 AM Welcome and Announcements

8:45 AM White Oak Supply Perceptions and the EAB Disaster in Kentucky

Billy Thomas - University of Kentucky, Department of Forestry

White oak and ash are important tree species to many Kentucky woodland owners. In 2017, the University of Kentucky Forestry Department conducted a survey at the KWOA annual meeting to better understand woodland owner perceptions of current and future white oak supply issues. Also in

2017, KWOA requested the development of a white paper on the EAB Disaster in Kentucky. This presentation will present results from these research projects.

9:15 AM Kentucky Forest Health Updates

Dr. Ellen Crocker, University of Kentucky, Department of Forestry

In addition to the emerald ash borer, several other invasive insects and diseases present potential threats to Kentucky forest health. Neighboring states have Asian longhorned beetle, European gypsy moth, and thousand cankers disease, but what are these and what do they mean for Kentucky? This session will introduce you to these threats and also discuss the current management strategies to protecting our woodlands.

9:45 AM Deer Management in Kentucky

Dr. Matt Springer, University of Kentucky, Department of Forestry

This talk will cover the basics of assessing the health of your deer herd, how to monitor its population and health status, and the varying management strategies that can be used to meet deer management goals. Focus will be placed on the how-to for initial assessments of your deer herds population, how to collect the data, and how anyone with a computer can track and analyze it to help manage their deer herd. Effectively using trail cameras, habitat improvement ideas including food plots and forest management strategies will be covered.

10:30 AM Break

10:45 AM Cooperators Reports:

- Kentucky Division of Forestry
- University of Kentucky Report
- Kentucky Conservation Committee
- Kentucky Forestry Industries Association

11:15 AM KWOA and KWOA Annual Business Meeting and Elections

12:00 PM Adjourn

Ash Disaster in Kentucky

"Ash trees are found in each of Kentucky's 120 counties but their future is uncertain at best"

"... every county will be impacted by its loss and it will negatively impact the \$14 billion forest industry in Kentucky."

Read the UK Extension full White Paper at

http://forestry.ca.uky.edu/sites/forestry.ca.uky.edu/files/ash_disaster_inky_whitepaper_final.pdf

Winter Woodland Activities for the Whole Family: Tree ID Fun!

By Laurie Thomas, UK Extension Forester
University of Kentucky Department of Forestry
and Natural Resources

Even though it is winter and many of our broad-leaved (deciduous) trees have dropped their leaves you can still set out with the family to identify another group of trees in your woodlands, the conifers. A conifer means cone-bearer in Latin. Conifers are easy to distinguish because they are typically evergreen and have needle-like or scale-like leaves. There are approximately 90 species of conifers in the United States! In Kentucky we only have eight native conifers. Additionally, baldcypress which is one of our native conifers is not evergreen, it typically drops its needles in autumn, so that means you will only need to learn seven conifers. It should be pointed out that while conifers look great in the landscape they are also very beneficial to wildlife because they provide food as well as year-round cover.

We identify conifers by their leaves (needles/scales) just like our deciduous trees but it is much easier with conifers. Just follow the key below to figure out which conifers you have in your woodland. Make sure to look at several sets of needles/scales until you find an average looking set.

- Needles overlapping and scale-like...**Eastern redcedar** (few sharp needles) OR **Northern white cedar** (no sharp needles) not widely found in our woodlands
- Needles are small, single, and flat with white strips on one side...**Eastern hemlock**
- Needles in groups of twos, twisted and less than 2 inches long...**Virginia pine**
- Needles in groups of twos and threes, longer than 2 inches long...**Shortleaf pine**
- Needles in groups of threes...**Pitch pine**
- Needles in groups of fives...**Eastern white pine**



Leaf Collections

Start your woodland leaf collection now with your conifers then add to it over the next year. This is a family activity that can help you inventory and learn the trees on your property. Check out this publication for instructions on creating your leaf collection: <http://forestry.ca.uky.edu/sites/forestry.ca.uky.edu/files/4df01pb.pdf>

Additional Books

- *Tree Finder* by Mary Theilgaard Watts and Tom Watts
- *A Tree Book for Kids and Their Grown-ups* by Gina Ingolia

Time to Plan for Spring Tree Planting

If you don't have many or just want to add a conifer to your woodland now is the time to order your tree seedlings. Order now and they will be delivered in late February to late March. So you can look forward to planting trees with your family this spring. You can order tree seedlings from the Kentucky Division of Forestry: <http://forestry.ky.gov/statenurseriesandtreeseedlings/Pages/default.aspx>

If the Kentucky Division of Forestry is sold out of your desired species, then try the Missouri Department of Conservation: <https://mdc.mo.gov/trees-plants/tree-seedlings/order-seedlings>

Other Winter Woodland Activities to do With Your Family

Great American Backyard Bird Count February 16 – 19, 2018

Bird watchers of all ages count birds to create a real-time snapshot of where birds are. Get out and count your birds! <http://gbbc.birdcount.org/statenurseriesandtreeseedlings/Pages/default.aspx>

2018-2019 Calendar of Events



March 17, 2018

Ohio River Valley Woodlands & Wildlife (ORVWW) Workshop

Oasis Conference Center
Loveland, OH

<http://tristatewoods.ca.uky.edu/>

March 20-21, 2018

KWOA Annual Meeting

General Butler State Park
Details are posted on website
www.kwoa.net



Your Woodlands at Work - KWOA/KWOF 2018 Annual Meeting
 General Butler State Park
 Tuesday, March 20 - Wednesday, March 21, 2018
 Registration – PLEASE PRINT

Name: _____

Spouse/Guest Name(s): _____

Tree Farm Business Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State & Zip: _____

Phone number(s): _____

E-mail: _____

Woodland acres owned/managed: _____

Will you be attending Buffalo Trace Tour? Yes: _____ No: _____

Will you be attending Elk Creek Tour? Yes: _____ No: _____

REGISTRATION INCLUDES ALL PROGRAMS, LUNCH and DINNER on March 20
 MEMBERSHIPS CAN BE PAID or RENEWED AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION

Get the lower rate registration when received by March 6, 2018

FEE x # of People = Total Amount

Members registered by March 6 \$55 x _____ \$ _____

All others \$65 x _____ \$ _____

(Non Members and late registration)

Total \$ _____

Registration and payment can be made by:

Credit Card or PayPal on KWOA website: WWW.KWOA.NET

Mail registration and payment to: KWOA - PO BOX 694 - Maysville, KY 41056

Phone: 606-782-1317

Please make your room reservations at General Butler State Park separately by calling General Butler State Park at 502-732-4384. A block of rooms have been reserved for KWOA. Please remember to mention that you are attending the KWOA Woodlands Owners Conference. Rooms will be held until March 6th for KWOA registrants, after which any unclaimed rooms will be released.



2018 MEMBERSHIP INVOICE / APPLICATION Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 2018
Please print

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____
 State & zip code: _____
 Telephone numbers: _____
 Email address: _____
 County & # acres owned: _____

KWOA Basic Membership	\$30.00	
Membership Plus Additional \$30.00 — Includes membership in the National Woodlands Owners Association. You will receive the National Woodlands quarterly newsletter and eight issues of Woodland Report.	\$30.00	
Voluntary (much appreciated) contribution to Kentucky Woodland Owners Foundation — a 501 (C) (3) tax-exempt organization... deductible as a charitable organization Voluntary additional Membership Payment ___ Platinum Membership (\$300 & above) ___ Gold Membership (\$200-\$299) ___ Silver Membership (\$100-\$199) The voluntary memberships will be recognized in the newsletter		

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Updates from Your KWOA Board

Emerald Ash Borer report

In response to a request by KWOA, UK Forestry Extension has developed a white paper on the ash disaster in Kentucky. 2017 White Paper on The Ash Disaster in Kentucky: Economic and Landowner Impact of Losing Kentucky's Ash Trees to the Emerald Ash Borer is now available on the extension website at http://forestry.ca.uky.edu/sites/forestry.ca.uky.edu/files/ash_disaster_inky_whitepaper_final.pdf.

Forestry assessment and taxes

The KWOA board discussed the need to increase the board feet per acre yield of woodlands. They are currently only 25 percent as productive as they could be. Rep. Polumbo filed HB 576 in the 2017 legislative session to require proof of farming to receive agriculture exemptions for sales tax and property valuation assessment.

KWOA has developed a position paper supporting the American Forest Foundation's standards of sustainability for forest certification; viewing all woodlands of at least ten contiguous acres as an activity producing timber products; and, setting forth guidelines as evidences of a "Working Forest".

TNC launches new carbon credit program

The Nature Conservancy's "Working Woodlands Program" for forest preservation can serve as an intermediary between property owners and corporations in carbon credits transactions.

Will Bowling, Central Appalachians Project Director for TNC, explained to the KWOA board how TNC's group Forest Stewardship Council certificate makes certification easier for woodland owners. The American Carbon Registry requires full verification every five years. Currently focused on eastern Kentucky, TNC will pay the FSC certification and monitoring for ten years on properties of a minimum of 1,500 forested acres. TNC also hopes to put time-limited or permanent easements on these properties that allow commercial timber and possible tax benefits.

Contact Will Bowling:

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KWOF Scholarship Awarded to Abigail Adams

Submitted by Doug McLaren, Forester, VP KWOA



Kentucky Woodland Owners Foundation (KWOF) is pleased to announce and award its 2017 Forestry Student Scholarship to Abigail "Abby" Adams, a senior forestry major at the University of Kentucky.

The purpose of the scholarship is to provide an award to an outstanding student enrolled in the University of Kentucky's professional forestry degree program. Awards are granted on the basis of leadership potential, connection with the forestry community and insight for the forestry profession. The scholarship is in the amount of \$1000.00 paid directly to the University of Kentucky to help offset tuition fees.

Abby grew up and went to school in the Lexington community before entering the University of Kentucky. During the spring of 2015 Abby traveled to New Zealand and was influenced by the devastation of the native ecosystem as a result of the recent land practices and the introduction of invasives. Upon returning to Kentucky and a passion to seek a program that had professors and students that shared her concerns, Abby

discovered the Department of Forestry at the University of Kentucky.

Abby has continued to maintain a very high GPA while also becoming involved in forestry's extracurricular activities. Her hope is to meet professionals and landowners during her studies and activities to help her better understand the full potential of a forestry degree.

During the past summer, Abby took the opportunity to work for the US Forest Service in New Mexico, again a different ecosystem, to learn all there is about the different forest systems that exist. Abby hopes to again return to New Mexico in May of 2018. Her desire is to devote some time to seasonal work while at the same time reaching out to the different opportunities that exist in the field of forestry for a future more permanent position.

A letter of reference from one of Abby's professors makes the comment, "...Abby is engaged in the classroom, delves deeper into the content delivered and excels at exam time. Abby keeps the greater good in mind and views the Department of Forestry with a great sense of community. She is a high energy person with a "can do attitude" at all times.....".

The Kentucky Woodland Owners, through the Kentucky Woodland Owners Foundation, is proud to have Abigail Adams as its 2017 recipient of our scholarship. Continued success to Abby in the years to come as she promotes forestry as her professional career.

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Next Board Meeting: February 15, 2018 - KFIA

Members are encouraged to attend.

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