

January 2024 UPDATED

KWOA Wood Post

*Find updated annual meeting registration links below!*

## Happy New Year!

We hope this Wood Post E-News finds you warm, well, and recharging so you will be ready to do more with KWOA and your woodlands in 2024. KWOA looks forward to working with our partners continuing to make strides toward connecting you with one another, with sustainable woodland practices, and with the larger community.



## KWOA Annual Meeting: *Registration Now Open!*

Join us at the Berea College Forestry Outreach Center on March 25 - 27.

This year our theme is *forestry*, and we will be exploring a host of topics we hope you will find informative and help you as you make or implement your forest management plan.

[See the full agenda here.](#)

Register  
Online

Print Registration  
Form

## Upcoming Events

2024 Kentucky Maple Days are set for February 3 and 17! If you are a Kentucky maple syrup producer and plan to participate in the 2023 Kentucky Maple Day and want your operation promoted please complete this [Qualtrics form](#) by January 14, 2024. Learn more at <https://ky-maplesyrup.ca.uky.edu/ky-maple-day>

2024 KY Forest Health Conference, February 7, 9 am – 3 pm ET: This year's conference

will be in-person at the Longship Club in Kroger Stadium, Lexington, KY. Register at <https://forestry.ca.uky.edu/fhc-conference>.

KWOA supports **Woods & Wildlife for Your Wallet!** February 22, 2024, from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. The event at Greenup County High School (main entrance) is free but you must call ahead to register. Learn more on our website [here](#).

**KWOA 2024 Annual Meeting** March 25-27 at Berea College Forest Outreach Center. [Save the Dates and learn more.](#)

## KWOA Winter Woodlands Newsletter

The Winter newsletter is now available on our website! Get up to date on all the latest with KWOA.

Winter Newsletter



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**Mark Your Calendar! The KWOA Annual Meeting is March 25-27, 2024**

This year our theme is **forestry**, and we will be exploring a host of topics we hope you will find informative and help you as you make or implement your forest management plan.

We have chosen the Forest Outreach Center at Berea College for this year's meeting. This will, weather permitting, allow us to get into the field to observe practices that will help you form and carry out your forest management plan. Meeting topics include water wells, management plans, fire as a management tool, carbon programs, forest value and record keeping, white oak initiative and climate change. See the full agenda on the KWOA website.

We have a block of rooms at both the Historic Boone Tavern and the Holiday Inn Express. Make your room reservations directly with the facility of your choice:

- Boone Tavern, 300 Main Street, phone: 859-985-3705
- Holiday Inn Express, 219 Paint Lick Road, phone: 859-985-5500

The room rate for both facilities is \$119.00 per night plus tax (breakfast is included at Holiday Inn Express). **Reservations must be made by February 28** to take advantage of this rate. This year's meeting has expanded to a 3-day event and includes an extra meal in the registration fee. As with most everything, our cost for putting on the meeting has increased substantially.

We appreciate your continued support and hope you will find this meeting fun and informative.

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## Woodland Community Updates

- **Kentucky Leopold Conservation Award Seeks Nominees.** Nominations may be submitted on behalf of a landowner, or landowners may apply themselves. The [application](#) can be found at [www.sandcountyfoundation.org/ApplyLCA](http://www.sandcountyfoundation.org/ApplyLCA).
- **Woodland Stewards Webinar** 6th season begins January 30, 2024 with Silvopasture! This educational program was developed by a collaborative team of Forestry Extension personnel to serve a multi-state audience, to empower woodland owners to promote environmental and forest health through increased awareness, experience and access to resources. Learn more <https://forestrywebinars.net/sponsor-pages/woodland-stewards>
- **The Yale Forest Forum Series** restarts January 18 and continues on Thursdays at 12:00-12:55 pm ET through April 25. Tribal Forestry: Understanding Current Issues and Challenges. [Register here.](#)



- National Woodland Owners Association (NWOA) January 10th "Woodland Word" shared an NBC News Item that brought attention to a lack of funding focus for addressing **Beech Leaf Disease** and some new research indicating the beech leaf-eating nematodes cause cellular damage in the trees similar to the effect cancer cells have in mammals. You can read the [NBC story here](#) and see the [USDA; US Forest Service report here](#). There is no cure at this time.
- **Appalachian Regional Reforestation Initiative ARRI**: Spring volunteer opportunities in western KY (Muhlenberg County) and Cumberland Gap area (located on the KY-TN border) in Campbell Co/TN. Contact person Cliff Drouet: [cdrouet@osmre.gov](mailto:cdrouet@osmre.gov) Check for dates and more at the ARRI website: [www.osmre.gov/programs/arri](http://www.osmre.gov/programs/arri)

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## USDA Helps Producers Prepare for and Recover from Severe Winter Weather

As you prepare for the potential impacts of upcoming winter weather, know that USDA offers several programs to help with recovery. Here are 2 programs relating to woodlands:

- The [Emergency Forest Restoration Program \(EFRP\)](#) helps the owners of non-industrial private forests restore forest health damaged by natural disasters.
- [Tree Assistance Program \(TAP\)](#) focuses on nursery/orchard trees.

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- Ongoing -



**"From the Woods Today":** Wednesdays at 11 a.m. ET. You can watch via Zoom or Facebook Live Links to live shows are posted just before the show. Join live or watch recorded shows later at the website at [www.fromthewoodstoday.com](http://www.fromthewoodstoday.com)

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## Need Help in the Woods?

Kentucky Division of Forestry Vendors List: [HERE](#) and <https://eec.ky.gov/Natural-Resources/Forestry/Documents/Statewide%20Vendor%20List%20202-8-17.pdf>

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## Planning a Harvest?

A Kentucky Master Logger must be on-site and in charge of every commercial logging operation (excluding horse loggers). Kentucky's best management practices must be used in every commercial logging operation (including horse loggers). Best to Check Out These Resources:

- [Kentucky Master Logger Program](https://masterlogger.ca.uky.edu): <https://masterlogger.ca.uky.edu>
- [Bad Actor Information & List](https://masterlogger.ca.uky.edu/bad-actor-information): <https://masterlogger.ca.uky.edu/bad-actor-information>

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**Just so you know...**

- If you haven't already joined the KWOA network, [click here to join](#).
- You can share our news! See the links at the bottom of this message.
- You can always contact us; send a message to [info@kwoa.net](mailto:info@kwoa.net) with questions, suggestions, news, or to volunteer.

**Growing Forests for Our Future! KWOA volunteers work year-round providing opportunities that benefit Kentucky's woodland owners and contribute to sustainable forestry.**

## KWOA Mission

*"Bringing people and woodland sustainability together"*

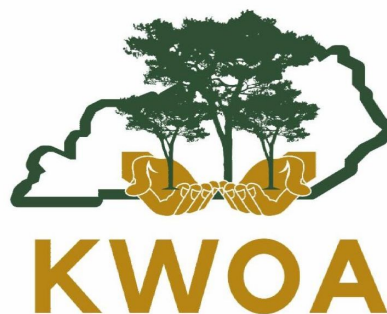
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