SOUTH CAROLINA DIVISION SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTERS 2019 SUMMER MEETING

June 5-6, 2019; Sumter, SC



Sumter Opera House 21 N. Main Street Sumter, South Carolina

CONFERENCE THEME

Technical Session: The Appalachian Society of American Foresters, South Carolina Division's 2019 Summer Meeting will focus on **ADDING VALUE TO OUR FORESTS.** During the technical session on Thursday, June 6, 2019, eight speakers will review opportunities for adding value to forests through management activities and decisions.

Field Trip: The field trip will tour Manchester State Forest, in Wedgefield, SC, to explore managing the forest to SFI and Tree Farm certification standards.

Social: A social will be held on Wednesday at 6:00 pm at Serendipity located at 118 S. Main Street, Sumter, SC. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served.

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Wednesday, June 5

- 12:30 Transportation for field tour will leave from the City Parking Garage (behind Hyatt Place)

 Public parking available in the Parking

 Garage or behind the Opera House
- 1:00 **Field tour** begins at Manchester State Forest Headquarters
- 6:00 SAF Evening Social Serendipity 118 S. Main Street Sumter, SC 29150

Thursday, June 6

- 7:30 Registration / Exhibitor setup
- 8:00 Exhibit Hall opens

8:15 Welcome Remarks

Dan Scheffing, *Chair* SC Division SAF

Joe McElveen, *Mayor* City of Sumter

8:30 Technical Program Overview

Russ Hardee, *Technical Chair* SC Division SAF

8:45 Report on the Health of SC Forests

David Jenkins, *Forest Health Program Coordinator* SC Forestry Commission

9:30 Agritourism

Will Culler, Agribusiness Program team Clemson Cooperative Extension Service

10:15 Break / Visit Exhibits

10:45 **Hunting Leases**

Michael Mengak, *Professor - Wildlife Specialist* University of Georgia

- 11:30 Awards & SC Division Business Meeting
- 12:00 Lunch

1:30 Company Update & Products

Ben Lancaster, Sales Manager IFCO

1:50 Company Update & Products

Jason Watson, *Reforestation Advisor* Arborgen

2:10 Hunting Liability

Ed Wilson, *Vice President* Outdoor Underwriters

2:50 Break / Visit Exhibits

3:15 Alternative Income Streams on Forestland

Roy Belser, *Chairman*American Forest Management, Inc.

4:00 Cost Share Programs for Forestland

Brandon DuRant, *Farm Manager* American Forest Management, Inc.

4:45 **Closing** Remarks and Adjourn

Dan Scheffing, Chair SC Division SAF

The program qualifies for the following credit hours: Field Trip 3.0 CFE Credits Thursday Session 5.0 CFE Credits

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Registration Information:

By May 25	After May 25
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SAF MEMBER	\$80	\$90
GOLDEN MEMBER	FREE	FREE
NON-SAF MEMBER	\$90	\$100
STUDENT	\$40	\$50
SOCIAL	Included	Included
FIELD TOUR	\$25	\$25

Register online at ConstantContact:

http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?ll r=ixav578ab&oeidk=a07eg89lpc8d9e7a183

Hosted by Santee Chapter SC Division of APSAF

For further information, or help with registration, call: Austin Harris (843) 773-5461

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Field Tour Information:



33°49'24.70"N, 80°32'3.07"W

From Sumter, SC (Opera House/Hyatt Place/Garage)
Head ½ block south and turn right onto Liberty
Street

Take Liberty Street to SC-763 S (Wedgefield Rd)

Turn right onto SC-763 S (Wedgefield Rd)

After 8 miles (in Wedgefield) turn left onto SC-261

After about 3.8 miles, turn right onto River Road

After about 1.25 miles, turn right onto Headquarters

Road

Headquarters is about 0.6 miles

From US 378

Turn right onto SC-261

After about 7.8 miles, turn right onto River Road
After about 1.25 miles, turn right onto Headquarters
Road

Headquarters is about 0.6 miles

Hotel Information:

Hyatt Place Sumter/Downtown is the newest hotel in Sumter. It is located on Main Street, directly across from the historic Sumter Opera House.



A block of rooms has been reserved for SAF until May 15 at \$124.00 + Tax

Hyatt Place 18 N. Main Street Sumter, SC 29150 (803) 774-8100

To book your room please call (803) 774-8100 and reference the group code G-SOAF. Or follow the link below:

https://www.hyatt.com/shop/sumzs?brands[]=place&location=Hyatt%20Place%20Sumter%20%2F%20Downtown&checkinDate=2019-06-05&checkoutDate=2019-06-06&rooms=1&adults-1&kids=0&corp_id=G-SOAF