



- **Deadline for Registration:** Mail your 2018 Virginia Forestry Summit registration form to Virginia Forestry Association or register online at www.veforestry.org by **APRIL 10, 2018**. Cancellation Deadline for Summit Registration is April 17, 2018 (a \$20 cancellation fee will be applied).
- **Lodging at Omni Richmond Hotel:** The negotiated rate of \$155 is available Tuesday, May 1, through Friday, May 4. Additional nights may be available upon request. Find the link to reserve online at www.veforestry.org. You can also reserve via phone by calling 1-800-THE-OMNI and identifying yourself with the "VFA 2018 Forestry Association Summit & 75th Anniversary Celebration." Deadline for reservations at the group rate is **April 10, 2018**.

2018 Virginia Forestry Summit: Brilliant Achievements, Bold Horizons

This program, both reflecting on the past and looking towards the future, will be led by subject-matter experts providing information on topics, issues, and ideas affecting the forestry community.

Schedule of Events

Tuesday, May 1

1:30pm VFA Board of Directors Meeting

5:30pm - 7:30pm **Forestry Summit Kick-off Reception at Southern Railway Taphouse** — Join us for a casual, relaxing evening of drinks, appetizers, games, and conversation at Southern Railway Taphouse, a Richmond hotspot located just down the street from The Omni.

Wednesday, May 2

7:30am SAF Virginia Division Executive Committee Meeting

8:30am VFA General Membership Meeting

9:00am - 9:45am **Morning Keynote Presentation – First in Forestry, Carl Schenck and the Biltmore Forest School** — To kick-off our 2018 Virginia Forestry Summit, we will be showing a documentary on America's first forest, showing you that all it took was a millionaire's dream, a genius' vision, and a forester's plan to begin, grow, and shape what we know as forestry today. Join us for a special showing of this 28-minute historical documentary on forestry's beginnings, serving as a precursor to our historical morning panel discussion.

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9:45am - 10:15am **Break with Exhibitors**

10:15am - 11:45am **Panel Discussion – Forestry's Brilliant Achievements** — Five of the industry's leaders will describe the unique challenges and opportunities they have faced in their respective organizations and how this history has shaped Virginia's forests that we have today. These unique perspectives will be provided in a question-and-answer formatted panel discussion.

SAF CFE Credits: 1.5, cat 1

Moderator: Easton Loving, Operations Manager, Eastern Virginia Forest Resources, WestRock

Panelists:

- Jim Garner, Retired State Forester, Virginia Department of Forestry
- Paul Howe, Executive Director, Virginia Forestry Association
- John Burke, Forest Landowner, Burke Woodlands
- Harrell Turner, Consultant, CHT Forestry LLC
- Dave Smith, Emeritus Professor of Forestry, Virginia Tech

11:45am - 12:30pm **VFA 75th Anniversary and Brand Unveiling Reception** — Join us for this mid-day reception as we celebrate 75-years of VFA and all of its achievements! We will also be unveiling the new Virginia Forestry Association brand and logo during this reception.

12:30pm - 2:00pm **Virginia Forestry Summit Luncheon, Featuring Keynote Address – The Honorable Ralph S. Northam, Governor of Virginia, invited. Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry, Bettina Ring, will speak in the Governor's possible absence.**

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2:00pm - 2:45pm **Afternoon Keynote Speaker –A National Look: Future Horizon for Forestry** — Vicki Christiansen, Deputy Chief of State and Private Forestry, for the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, will share her insight and vision of what challenges may occur in forestry's future and how our resources will fare with those challenges.

SAF CFE Credits: 0.75, cat 1

2:45pm - 3:15pm **Break with Exhibitors**

3:15pm - 4:45pm **Afternoon Panel Discussion – What is on Forestry's Bold Horizons?** What does the future of forestry in Virginia look like? Will our markets be strong? How will the playing field turn out? And, will we have the capacity and resources to meet our future demands? Find out the answers to these questions in this forward-looking question-and-answer formatted panel discussion.

SAF CFE Credits: 1.5, cat 1

Moderator: Dr. Paul Winistorfer, Dean of the College of Natural Resources and Environment, Virginia Tech

Panelists:

- Kevin Hudson, Senior Vice President of Forest Resources, WestRock
- Brent McClendon, President and CEO, National Wooden Pallet & Container Association
- Rocky Goodnow, Vice President of the North American Timber Service, Forest Economic Advisors LLC
- Earl Kline, Professor of Wood Process Control, Virginia Tech

5:00pm **SAF Virginia Division Meeting**

5:00pm **ACF Virginia Chapter Meeting**

6:30pm **Forestry Summit Reception**

Dinner on your own.

Thursday, May 3

6:00am **The Belle Isle Fun Run.** *Richmond is a beautiful city, filled with wonderful landscape and great natural wonders. Join us for a 5K walk/run across Belle Isle to kick-off the third day of our conference.*

Keeping Abreast of Current Issues - A Landowner's Track - *Knowing the updates, changes, and opportunities in the laws, rules, and regulations of managing our forests and tree farms is important to all of us in the forest industry, especially landowners. Hear from today's experts about what we need to know to make sound decisions in managing our forests.*

8:30am - 9:45am **Concurrent Session 1** — SAF CFE Credits: 1.25, cat 1

- **Family Forests and the 2018 Farm Bill** — Tristan Daedalus, Policy Director, American Forest Foundation
- **Increasing Impact through the American Tree Farm System** — Paul Delong, Senior Vice President for the American Tree Farm System & Conservation, American Forest Foundation

9:45am - 10:15am **Break with Exhibitors**

10:15am - 11:30am **Concurrent Session 2** — SAF CFE Credits: 1.25, cat 1

- **Tax Issues for Forest Landowners** — Dr. Linda Wang, National Timber Tax Specialist, USDA Forest Service
- **Preventing Timber Theft in Virginia** — Rob Farrell, State Forester, Virginia Department of Forestry

New Policies and Trends within the Industry – An Industry Track - *This session will focus on the current issues occurring in today's forestry politics and how they will affect the future of the industry and markets.*

8:30am - 9:45am **Concurrent Session 1** — SAF CFE Credits: 1.25, cat 1

- **A Common Sense Approach to Truck Safety** — Jimmie Locklear, Business Development Manager, Forestry Mutual Insurance Company
- **Forest Exports - Marketing Virginia to the Other 95%** — Charles W. Becker III, Utilization & Marketing Manager, Virginia Department of Forestry

9:45am - 10:15am **Break with Exhibitors**

10:15am - 11:30am **Concurrent Session 2** — SAF CFE Credits: 1.25, cat 1

- **Forestry and Immigration – Where they Connect** — Deb Hawkinson, President, Forest Resources Association
- **Anticipating Futures Relevant to the South's Forest Sector** — David N. Wear, Senior Research Forester, USDA Forest Service Southern Research Station

12:00pm **Virginia Forestry Educational Foundation Board of Directors Meeting**

12:30pm – 5:00pm **Guided Canal Cruise Lunch and Tour of Tredegar Iron Works** -- *Enjoy lunch waterside as you learn about the history of Richmond's canal and canal walk. After the tour, enjoy a guided, scenic walk across Brown's Island on your way to Tredegar Iron Works,*

the largest ironworks in the Confederacy during the American Civil War. See first-hand how the American Civil War Museum and The National Park Services work together to orient visitors to the full-range of battlefields, museums, and historic sites in the area. Please note that this tour has a significant amount of walking involved, both to-and-from the hotel and on the way to Tredegar Iron Works. The walk from the canal cruise dock to Tredegar will take approximately 25-minutes with an included walking tour and historical narration. Please dress accordingly for both the activity and chance of inclement weather. If you would like to attend any part of this tour, but are not comfortable with the walking portion, please let us know upon registration.

2:00pm - 5:00pm **Tours of the State Capitol and Governor's Mansion** — *The Virginia State Capitol is home to the oldest elected lawmaking body in the Western Hemisphere. Learn about our legislative process on a guided tour with General Assembly staff and anticipated legislator involvement. We will also be touring the home of Governor Ralph S. Northam and learning about the country's oldest continuously occupied governor's residence. Please note that entire tour is a walking tour as we will be taking a 5-minute walk both to-and-from the hotel, as well as walking throughout both buildings. Please dress accordingly for both the activity and chance of inclement weather.*

SAF CFE Credits: 2.5, cat 1

6:00pm **Evening Reception & Annual Virginia Forestry Summit Awards Banquet**

Friday, May 4

9:00am - 4:00pm **Project Learning Tree PreK-8 Workshop** — *PLT's instructional materials can be used with students in formal school settings and with youth in informal settings. Our hands-on activities make teaching and learning fun. They connect children to nature, engage students in learning, improve student achievement, and grow 21st century skills — including the ability to think critically and solve problems. Each participant will receive a copy of PLT's PreK-8 Environmental Education Activity Guide. This workshop will be hosted by WestRock at their Richmond office (501 S. 5th Street). Lunch is not included, so plan to bring your own lunch or dine in WestRock's onsite cafeteria (\$).*

SAF CFE Credits: 6.0, cat 2

Page Hutchinson, State Coordinator Project Learning Tree

10:00am - 2:30pm **Tree Farm Inspector Training** — *Help the Virginia Tree Farm Foundation encourage sustainable forestry on more private acres by becoming a trained Tree Farm inspector during this training sponsored by Enviva. All those wishing to inspect and certify Tree Farms must attend an initial face-to-face training class. Minimum qualifications to become an inspector apply.*

SAF CFE Credits: 3.5, cat 1

Sarah Kammer, State Coordinator Virginia Tree Farm Foundation; Glen Worrell and Jen Gagnon, Tree Farm Inspector Training Facilitators

10:30am - 12:30pm **Trolley Tour of Historic Downtown Richmond** — *Hop aboard the RVA Trolley and navigate through 400 years of history in one of the most fascinating and oldest cities in America. See the sights and learn about Richmond's landmarks, riverfront, architecture and history.*



Richmond Canal Cruise