

About the Workshop

The Alabama Teachers Conservation Workshop (TCW), designed for teachers and agri-science educators, focuses on forest ecology, management and products through guest speakers, field trips, and hands-on activities. The goal is to demonstrate the importance forests have to the environment and economy of Alabama.

Teachers receive valuable classroom resources including: field guides, posters, Project Learning Tree® guides, activity kits, and much more. The workshop agenda has been reviewed by the Alabama Department of Education and designated as an AMSTI Affiliate Program.

Teachers receive 40 hours of CEUs for attending the entire course (STIPD title TCW341).

This is a highly active workshop. Come prepared for field trips, nature walks, and Alabama's summer weather. In addition to the scheduled activities, participants enjoy networking with other educators. Scheduled activities start early morning and end at night. Please make plans to attend this exciting and educational environmental workshop.

Registration

Hotel, meals, and materials are paid by sponsors. There is a \$75 registration fee, refundable with at least two-week notice prior to the workshop.

Registration is available at www.alaforestry.org.



About Alabama Forestry Association

Founded in 1949, the Alabama Forestry Association (AFA) is a 501c(6) non-profit trade association representing the forestry community of Alabama. The forest products industry, one of Alabama's largest manufacturing industries, generates almost \$20 billion in economic impact and provides 10% of total jobs in Alabama. Membership includes forest products companies, wood suppliers, loggers, and forest landowners, as well as others involved in the growing, harvesting, transporting, and manufacturing of forest products in Alabama.



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A Commitment to Conservation Since 1970

Forest Ecology

Alabama is blessed with abundant water and diverse soils leading to plant and animal biodiversity greater than most places in the world. In the workshop, university faculty members describe the five major forest types and explain why they are found in Alabama.

Certified wildlife biologists discuss population trends of common wildlife while experts from the Raptor Rehabilitation Center exhibit and discuss some of the more elusive creatures in the state. One of several field trips includes the university arboretum to learn tree identification with taxonomic keys. Look forward to lots of hands-on Project Learning Tree® activities to incorporate the information and fun into the classroom.

Forest Management

Alabama's forests endure wildfires, beetle infestations, invasive species, and many other threats. Hear about these issues from specialists and learn how these risks are reduced through active land management.

Most forestland is owned by people, either for recreation or as an investment for retirement. Visit with private landowners to hear why they own forestland, what they hope to achieve in ownership, and techniques they use to achieve their goals.



Forest Products

The human population is believed to be seven billion people worldwide, all needing clean water, food, and shelter. Forests must be managed sustainably to provide products like paper as well as ecosystem services like clean air and water. Learn how the Sustainable Forestry Initiative® in Alabama strives to achieve these goals.

During the workshop, tour a paper mill where trees are chipped, cooked, and converted into paper. Visit a paper making lab to learn the chemistry behind the process.

