



11th Annual Meeting

Restoring Illinois Oak Forests

2016 Fall Meeting

ILLINOIS



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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th

12:00 p.m. Registration Opens - SIU's Touch of Nature Center

1:00 p.m. ABC's of Forestry for Landowners

5:00 p.m. Adjourn - Evening fun on your own

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th

9:30 a.m. Walk in the Woods - Outdoor Morning Session

10-Noon Silent Auction and Exhibit Set-Up

Noon Box Lunch - Friends Room - Touch of Nature

Noon Registration Opens

1:00 p.m. Conference Begins

Let the Sun Shine In! - TSI, prescribed fire, and
invasive species control

Working Together on Adjacent Lands

The Natives are Restless: Impact of Oak Restoration
on the Flora and Fauna of Illinois

5:00 p.m. Social Hour

6:00 p.m. Buffalo Tro - A Touch of Nature Center Tradition!

7:15 p.m. Silent Auction Closes

8:00 p.m. Fireside Forestry - "Managing Forests for Wildlife"

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1st

8:00 a.m. Business Meetings (IFA and IL-SAF concurrent)

9:30 a.m. Check Out & Depart for Trail of Tears State Forest

10:30 a.m. White Barn - Meet for Field Tour (box lunch in field)

2:00 p.m. Happy Trails... Enjoy the rest of your weekend!



Learn more and register online at: <http://ilforestry.org/event-2306885>

Registration deadline September 23rd • Silent Auction Items Needed!

For more information, call 618/949-3699 or email: ilforestry@gmail.com

Time to Register...

“Restoring Illinois Oak Forests”

11th Annual Meeting of the Illinois Forestry Association 2016 Fall Meeting of the Illinois Society of American Foresters

Agenda At-A-Glance

Thursday, September 29 – ABCs of Forestry - Optional Pre-Conference Session for Landowners

- 12:30 p.m. Check In/Register – Friends Room, [Touch of Nature Environmental Center](#), Makanda, IL
- 1:00 p.m. Opening Remarks and Introductions
- The ABCs of Forestry is an optional session that will cover “the basics of forestry for landowners” in four hours. Topics will include everything from how a tree grows to how forests are managed. Learn the meaning behind commonly used terms, find out who’s who in forestry and conservation, and discover programs that can help make forestry more affordable. Hear from a variety of presenters, and ask the silly questions that will help everyone understand what forestry is all about.
- 5:00 p.m. Adjourn (Dinner on your own - there are many options!)

Friday, September 30 – Morning “Walk in the Woods” and Afternoon/Evening Main Events

- 8:30 a.m. Registration Opens (for 1 hour) – Coffee & Breakfast Pastries – Friends Room
- 9:30 a.m. Walk in the Woods! Depart on walking tour:
Plant and tree ID, measuring trees, assessing forest conditions, advance regeneration, reading the signs of past land use, wildlife considerations, etc. Learn about efforts underway to begin managing the forests associated with the Touch of Nature Center.
- 12:00 noon Registration Desk Reopens - Box lunch for tour participants and those registered for this option
- 1:00 p.m. Welcome – Mike McMahan, IFA President and Jeff Harris, IL-SAF Chair
- 1:15 p.m. Let the Sun Shine In – Overview and Panel Introductions – Tracy Fidler, US Forest Service
- 1:30 p.m. Role of fire in forest management – Charles Ruffner, SIU Forestry
- 2:00 p.m. Role of invasive species control – Kevin Rohling, River to River CWMA
- 2:30 p.m. Role of thinning and harvesting – Ben Snyder, IDNR Forest Resources
- 3:00 p.m. Break – Bid on Silent Auction Items
- 3:30 p.m. Panel Discussion - Getting the sequence right, Q&A
- 4:00 p.m. Working Together on Adjacent Lands– Brendan Cain, USFS - SNF Supervisor
- 4:15 p.m. The Natives are Restless: Impact of Oak Restoration on the Flora and Fauna of Illinois – Bob Gillespie, IDNR Natural Resources Coordinator, Natural Heritage
- 5:00 p.m. Social Hour – Bid on Silent Auction Items
- 6:00 p.m. Buffalo Tro - <http://ton.siu.edu/events/buffalo-tro/tro-tradition.html>
- 8:00 p.m. Fireside Forestry – Bonfire at Touch of Nature with the National Wild Turkey Federation
“Managing Forests for Wildlife” – Do you like to hunt? Will any forest do?

Saturday, October 1, 2016 – Hello OAKtober!! Business Meetings and Oak Restoration Field Tour

- 8:00 a.m. Illinois Forestry Association Business meeting – Friends Room
Illinois Society of American Foresters Business meeting – Indian Room (adjacent building)
- 9:30 a.m. Check out of lodging – drive over to [Trail of Tears State Forest](#) – Meet at the [White Barn](#)
- 10:00 a.m. Saturday’s field tour will highlight strategies underway to determine the best sequence of management practices to enable native oak trees - and their associated ecosystems - to flourish. See the results of different management practices and sequences first hand, and learn what they are planning to do next. We’ll enjoy lunch in the field at the appropriate time, and you’ll be free to depart or continue exploring the area’s many attractions no later than 2 p.m.

Accommodations and Area Attractions

Touch of Nature Environmental Center Lodging

A block of rooms has been reserved. Call 618/453-1121 to make a reservation. Rates are all on a per-night basis, and do not include room tax, which will be an additional 6%. Space is limited. Accommodations vary from pricier hotel style rooms with air conditioning, Wi-Fi and satellite TV to dorm-style and rustic cabins with the bare necessities.

Little Grassy Lodge has hotel-style rooms for \$75 per night for a room with one queen or two doubles; \$65 per night for a room with two twins. Morris Lodge and Shawnee Lodge are dorm-style facilities @ \$38 per night plus 6% tax. The rate at L.B. Sharp Lodge, also dorm-style, is \$41 per night plus 6% tax. Friends can consider sharing rooms that have multiple beds, splitting the cost to make it more affordable. If space runs out and/or rustic cabins are a preferred option, there's a flat fee of \$20 per person. If anyone would like to bring a tent and camp, the charge will be \$10/tent.

This is an SIU facility. Associated rules and policies apply. Visit <http://ton.siu.edu/facilities-and-services/lodging/> for more information. Located at [1206 Touch of Nature Road](#), Makanda, IL 62958

The area includes a host of other options, from B&Bs to chain hotels within a reasonable drive...

Giant City Lodge - (618) 457-4921 - 460 Giant City Lodge Road, Makanda, IL 62958 [website](#)

Best Western Saluki Inn - (618) 351-6611 - 801 N Giant City Rd, Carbondale, IL 62902-6423 [website](#)

Hampton Inn Carbondale - (618) 549-6900 - 2175 N Reed Station Rd, Carbondale, IL 62901-7137 [website](#)

Makanda Inn - (618) 690-0706 - Located at 855 Old Lower Cobden Rd, Makanda, IL 62958-3120 [website](#)

Davie School Inn - (618) 833-2377 - 300 Freeman St, Anna, IL 62906-1508 [website](#)

Camping and Recreational Options (in addition to Touch of Nature tent camping)

Shawnee National Forest - <http://www.fs.usda.gov/recmain/shawnee/recreation>

The Shawnee National Forest offers a variety of camping experiences ranging from primitive backpacking to a developed campgrounds equipped with showers and electrical sites. Most campgrounds & picnic areas are located near lakes or areas of exceptional beauty. Hiking, fishing and sightseeing are but a few of the recreational opportunities to be found nearby. <http://www.fs.usda.gov/activity/shawnee/recreation/camping-cabins>

Trail of Tears State Forest - <https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/Parks/Pages/TrailOfTears.aspx>

Both Class C (tent camping with vehicle access) and Class D (backpack) camping sites are available at Trail of Tears State Forest. Some locations have log shelters with adjacent privies. Group camping is available at a few sites. Campsite reservations are available through the Reserve America website at www.reserveamerica.com. Campers without a reservation may register upon arrival with the "silent host" self-registration system.

Giant City State Park - <https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/Parks/Pages/GiantCity.aspx>

Giant City is a popular weekend retreat because of its varied and well-kept campground facilities. There are 85 campsites in the Class A Campground which provides water, electricity, showers and sanitary facilities for tent and trailer camping. The shower building in the Class A site closes the day after the first shotgun deer season (weather depending) and re-opens April 1st. A separate Class A equestrian campground is located off the horse trail in the southwest corner of the park. Camping reservations may be made for Class A sites, visit the ReserveAmerica web site for reservations at www.reserveamerica.com. Campers without a reservation may register upon arrival with the "silent host" self-registration system.

Other Area Attractions

Southernmost Illinois Tourism Bureau - <http://southernmostillinois.com/>

Shawnee Hills Wine Trail - <http://www.shawneewinetrail.com/>

Shawnee Bluffs Canopy Tour - <https://www.shawneezip.com/>

Rendleman Orchards - <http://www.rendlemanorchards.com/>

Root Beer Saloon at Alto Pass - <http://rootbeersaloon.com/>

Bald Knob Cross - <http://www.baldknobcross.com/>



Membership Registration Form

Privacy matters to us. We will not sell or share this information.



Name(s): _____ Date: _____

Representative, if business or group: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home County: _____ Land County: _____

Membership Category: _____ Term: _____ Amount Due: _____

See below for categories and term options

Would you be interested in a volunteer role of any kind? Yes No Maybe

(We are always on the lookout for potential committee or board members, and occasionally need help with events, mailings and other tasks. If you have special skills or interests that might fit – forestry, clerical, legal, real estate, marketing, IT, etc., please let us know!)

Please return this form and your payment to: (or join and pay online at <http://ilforestry.org/join>)

Illinois Forestry Association
P. O. Box 224
Chatham, IL 62629

For IFA Administrative Use (01/2016)

ID # _____ Region _____

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Questions? Call Dave Gillespie at 217/494-6982

Membership Category

IFE - Basic Membership – with email address	\$25
IFE3 - Advantage Basic – 3-year member w/ email	\$70
IFM - Basic Membership – newsletter via US Mail	\$35
IFS - Supporting Membership	\$50
IFX - Sustaining Membership	\$100
IFL - Life Membership *	\$500
BUS - Business Membership	\$50
STU - Student (non-voting, email only)	\$10

IFA is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit charitable organization. Dues may be tax deductible as a business expense, and donations counted toward charitable contributions. We encourage you to explore the tax benefits of IFA membership with your accountant. Welcome, and thanks for your support!

* Lifetime membership dues can be paid in two installments, up to 6 months apart

Date: _____ Membership Category Selected: _____

Amount Due: _____ Total Paid: _____ Check # _____