

OUR FAMILIES -&- OUR FORESTS

Collaborative forest management in Southern Illinois

SATURDAY – September 1, 2018

1 p.m. –to– 8 p.m.

The Vienna City Park on Il. Rte 146

FREE Hot Dogs –&- Refreshments from 3 to 6

- ★ **On Site** demonstration of the “WOODMIZER” portable sawmill

- ▶ An overview of the Southern Illinois “oak-hickory” forest that is our home: private landowners - hunters - farmers - the National Forest Service what is your forest like ? where is it going ? what do you want ? (general discussion)

- ▶ The history of the Shawnee National Forest and southern Illinois forest land in general:
 - what is was before European immigrants and farming –
 - what it is now –
 - where it is headed (National Forest Service & Ill. Forestry Assoc.)

- ▶ Fire and forests: Presentation by the Southern Illinois Prescribed Burn Association -&- the Southern Illinois Univ. “Fire Dawgs”:
 - the 2018 national forest fire season from fire crew members -&-
 - why prescribed burning will make your woodlot/forest safer & better

- ▶ Various representatives from:
 - ★ **The Nature Conservancy** “Cache Wetlands Strike Team” (preserving critical habitat)
 - ★ **Quail Forever** (restoring quality quail habitat for your land)
 - ★ **National Wild Turkey Federation** (what turkeys need from your land)
 - ★ **Ducks Unlimited** (your forest and Wood Duck restoration)
 - ★ **Whitetails Unlimited** (forests and whitetail forage)
 - ★ **The Illinois Arborist Association** (careers for rural youth **IN** rural America)
 - ★ **Professional timber buyers** (information before you sell your wood)
 - ★ **The Illinois Farm Bureau** (integrating farm management with forest management)