

Allegheny Society of American Foresters

2017 Winter Training

February 15–17, 2017

Rural and Urban Ecosystem Health in the Mid-Atlantic Region

The Inn at Reading Hotel and Conference Center – 1040 North Park Road, Wyomissing, PA 19610

Please Join Us At the 2017 Winter Training!

The Valley Forge Chapter of the Allegheny Society of American Foresters would like to invite you to the **Allegheny Society of American Foresters - 2017 Winter Training on February 15–17, 2017** at The Inn at Reading in Wyomissing, PA. The Program Committee has put together an impressive agenda of topics and speakers focused around the theme **Rural and Urban Ecosystem Health in the Mid-Atlantic Region**. The speakers will provide timely information on issues relevant to the forestry profession with the goal of sharing knowledge and resources needed by rural and urban foresters and other natural resource professionals to be successful in the future.

Conference Facility

The Inn at Reading Hotel and Conference Center provides an array of amenities including on-site restaurants, fitness center, bar/lounge, bakery, and 24-hour business center. Traditional rooms have free Wi-Fi, coffeemakers, mini-fridges, and work stations. The Inn at Reading is located near major highways 10 minutes from downtown Reading and 35 minutes from Lancaster. Additionally, The Inn is less than 2 miles from the Berkshire Mall, Penn State Berks campus, and the Reading Public Museum and within. Ample parking is available.

Lodging and Room Reservations: A block of rooms is reserved at the Inn at Reading Hotel and Conference Center • 1040 North Park Road • Wyomissing, PA 19610. Please make your reservation directly to the hotel and tell them you are registering for the Allegheny SAF meeting. Block room rate is \$99.00/night (plus taxes). Rooms will be held at the above rate until January 30, 2017. Room availability and rate is not guaranteed after this date. For room reservations call the Inn at Reading Hotel (610) 372-7811 (<http://www.innatreading.com/>).

Continuing Education Credit

Receive credit for your efforts! While continuing to improve your knowledge and skills as a professional, why not gain continuing education credits that apply toward Professional Certification?

Continuing education credits (pesticide credits and SAF credits) will be available where appropriate. We have applied for pesticide credits for the following categories Forest Vegetation Management Using Herbicides –1 hr., Invasive Plant Control- -1 hr. and Personal and Environmental Safety of Forestry Herbicides-1 hr. We have applied for SAF CFE credits for a total of 10.5 hours Category 1-CF credit (3.0 hours for the optional Pesticide Certification training on Feb. 15 and 7.5 hours for the program Feb 16-17).

A free Tree Farm Inspector Training Certification session will also be held on Feb. 15th from 8:30 to noon and is open to anyone interested becoming certified by the American Tree Farm System to inspect family owned forestland to the Tree Farm Standard.

Student Forum

We have an excellent opportunity planned for students. Tom Davidson from [Leadership Nature](#) will be presenting a program entitled, Articulating Your Value and Lessons in Leadership, that will provide interview, resume, communication, and teamwork to help prospective job seekers as they enter the job market.

Reginald D. Forbes Art Show

Since 1974, the art show and competition has been a regular part of the Allegheny Society of American Foresters winter training with the objective of fostering and displaying the artistic abilities of foresters and their family members. All those interested are invited to submit entries. A display area for viewing the artwork has been set aside convenient to the main meeting room and exhibitor area. There will be three categories for entry: photography, flat art and 3-dimensional artwork. Ribbons and certificates will be presented. Awards will be determined by the votes of the attendees so visit the Art Show and remember to drop your vote in the ballot box after enjoying the show. Contact: Jeff Stuffle (jandmstuffle@verizon.net)

Quiz Bowl

Each year college students from the region's forestry schools compete in the annual Quiz Bowl event. This competition tests the forestry knowledge of the students and is run as a tournament among the schools attending. This year's Quiz Bowl will be held on Thursday afternoon. Students from college forestry programs within the region are encouraged to attend. We have tried to keep cost as low as possible for students and hope we receive a good response to our "Sponsor a Student" request.

Exhibitors-Sponsors-Silent Auction

We invite you to be a partner with us in this event. Attached to this notice you will find the **Registration & Exhibitor/Sponsor/Silent Auction form**. Options have been designed to assist you in finding the right level for your budget and your time. As a promotional partner or technical exhibitor you will be an important component of our Winter Training's success, providing added value and interest to our program. We also ask you to consider a **Sponsorship** and/or a **donation** to the **Silent Auction**. The sponsorship program has been designed to provide a wide range of options for you to consider. Your support will be appreciated!



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Name: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

Meeting registration is due by **February 9, 2017**. A late fee of \$15.00 will be added to all registrations postmarked after February 9, 2017. Registration includes icebreaker social, Thursday lunch, and all breaks. **Banquet and Chair's breakfast require additional fee (see below).**

Pesticide Training Only – [\$25]	\$ 25.00	_____
Certified Tree Farm Inspector Training	\$0.00	_____
SAF Member	\$125.00	_____
Non-Member	\$135.00	_____
Student:	\$30.00	_____
Thursday Banquet: Select one: Hunter Chicken <input type="checkbox"/> Bacon-Wrapped Pork Loin <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian <input type="checkbox"/>		\$32.00 _____
Chair's Breakfast	\$15.00	_____
Sponsor a Student	\$10 / 20 / 30 / other	_____
Late Fee (after Feb 9 th)	\$15.00	_____
Total Enclosed:		_____

Do you have special dietary needs (e.g., food allergies, diabetic, etc.) or accessibility assistance? Please let Bob Girvin know (rgirvin@epix.net).

EXHIBITOR - SPONSOR - SILENT AUCTION

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES: Please select event(s) you wish to sponsor.

- Morning Breaks Afternoon Breaks Receptions Luncheon Awards Dinner Chair's Breakfast

Select Level of Sponsorship:

- Gold @ \$500 Silver @ \$250 Bronze @ \$150 Anthracite @ \$100 Other \$ _____

EXHIBITOR: Exhibitor registration includes one complimentary meeting registration.

Commercial Exhibit _____: **\$200** Non-Profit Exhibit _____: **\$150** We will need electricity _____ Yes _____ No _____

**My exhibit is a floor display. _____ My exhibit space will be only a tabletop. _____

SILENT AUCTION DONOR:

We will BRING the following item(s): _____

We will SEND the following item(s): _____

Suggested Minimum Bid: _____

Circle One: Check Enclosed \$ _____ OR PayPal Payment Made \$ _____

**Mail/email registration and checks to: Bob Girvin (rgirvin@epix.net), Allegheny SAF, 5000 White Oak Rd., Paradise, PA 17562 (Payable to Valley Forge Chapter of SAF)

Online payment available at <http://www.alleghenysaf.org/main/2016/11/14/allegheny-saf-winter-training-2017>

***Questions Contact: Randall Morin at 610-557-4054 or email at rsmorin@fs.fed.us

