



Advance Notice - Allegheny Society of American Foresters

2018 Winter Training

February 21 – 23, 2018

Wyndham Gettysburg Hotel, 95 Presidential Circle, Gettysburg, PA 17325

Please Join Us for the 2018 Winter Training!

The Keystone Chapter of the Allegheny Society of American Foresters invites you to the **Allegheny Society of American Foresters – 2018 Winter Training on February 21-23** in Gettysburg, PA. The Program Committee put together an impressive agenda of topics and speakers focused on the theme of “Trees and People.”

The meeting registration packet will be sent via email by December 29, 2017.

Conference Facility: The Winter Training will be held at the Wyndham Gettysburg Hotel just east of Gettysburg, PA. Check out the facility at:

<http://www.gatewaygettysburg.com/>

The February 21st ice-breaker will be at the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum & Visitor's Center just 10 minutes away and is open only to Allegheny SAF Attendees! Check it out at:

<https://www.gettysburgfoundation.org/museum-and-visitor-center/>

Lodging and Room Reservations: A block of rooms is reserved at the Wyndham Gettysburg Hotel, 95 Presidential Circle, Gettysburg, PA 17325. Please make your reservations directly with the hotel. Ask for the **Allegheny SAF meeting** rate at \$99/night (plus taxes). Please note, the rooms will held at the above rate until **Monday, January 29, 2018**. Rooms are not guaranteed after this date. For room reservations call the Wyndham Gettysburg Hotel at: **(717) 339-0020** or **register on line at:** www.wyndhamhotels.com/groups/keystone-allegheny-society-of-american-foresters

Continuing Education Credit: Receive credit for your efforts! While continuing to improve your knowledge and skills as a professional forester earn continuing education credits that apply toward Professional Certification!

Continuing Education credits have been applied for: (SAF Certified Forester CFE, ISA Certified Arborist CEU, and State specific pesticide applicator re-certification credits).

A Tree Farm Inspector Training Certification session will be held February 21 from 8:30am to 12:00pm and a Pesticide Certification Training from 1:00 to 4:00pm. A \$10 fee for **each** session will cover the break refreshments.

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 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 Mike Kusko at: mikekusko@gmail.com

Student Forum and Quiz Bowl: This year the student forum will include a mingle and munch at lunch with all attendees. The Thursday afternoon session will have a graduate student research presentation and a panel of public and private forestry professionals and an ISA certified arborist who will interact with students. Each year college students from the region's forestry schools compete in the Quiz Bowl. This event tests the forestry knowledge of students from baccalaureate and associate degree forestry programs. 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 partner with us this year! **We will be sending out a separate Exhibitor/Sponsor/Silent Auction form by Dec 29th.** Options have been designed to help you choose the right level for your budget and time. As a promotional partner or technical exhibitor you will be a key contributor to the success of our Winter Training, providing added value and interest to the 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!