

West Virginia Division of the Society of American Foresters

September 2017 Newsletter



West Virginia Division of the SAF

The West Virginia Division of the Society of American Foresters held their Summer/Fall Meeting on August 31st and September 1st, 2017 at Isaac Jackson Conference Center and Hotel in Elkins, WV.

On Thursday approximately twenty-five members attended a field trip to the Kochenderfer Tree Farm just west of Parsons near the Randolph/Tucker county line, hosted by Jim and Jeff Kochenderfer.



SAFer and tour host Jim Kochenderfer explains the benefit of putting protective fences around stump sprouts to assure their survival.



Jim Kochenderfer explains the benefit of open-top culverts made from gas pipe. When installed properly they will self-clean, but still need to be checked twice each year.



The group discusses the effects of deer herbivory and the rich biodiversity and productivity on the inside of the deer enclosure compared with that on the outside.



Herbicide expert and silviculturist, Jeff Kochenderfer, explains the many helpful uses of herbicides and that they must be applied using the proper techniques listed on the label.



Three generations of the Kochenderfer family on the Tree Farm.....

Special Thanks to Jim and Jeff Kochenderfer for hosting the group and Melissa Thomas-Van Gundy and Dave McGill for photographing the field tour!



The field tour was followed by a tour at the Appalachian Forest Heritage Area's Appalachian Forest Discovery Center. The museum houses information and displays relevant to Appalachian forest history, culture, natural history, forest management and forest products.

Phyllis Baxter, Executive Director of the of the Appalachian Forest Heritage Area (AFHA), introduces Discovery Center displays to SAFers.

THE APPALACHIAN FOREST DISCOVERY CENTER museum and visitor center is located on the first floor of the historic Darden Mill in downtown Elkins. Here, the visitor will learn about the Appalachian region's rich cultural and forest heritage: how the people of this region interacted with this dynamic forest resource and how it, in turn, molded and influenced them. One can also get information here about other forest heritage sites to visit in AFHA, and purchase forest heritage related items in the gift shop. In addition there is also a new exhibit each year exploring one of these topics in more depth. For 2017, this rotating exhibit will focus on Forestry and its history, legacy, and impact on the Appalachian Forest Heritage Area:

Forestry -- Sustaining the Appalachian Forest: Healthy Forests for the Common Good

The 2017 display open from May 12, 2017 through October 29, 2017. The Appalachian Forest Discovery Center is open to the public Thursday through Sunday, 9:30 am to 5 pm, from May through October, or by appointment. Admission is free; donations are appreciated. Contact us at info@appalachianforest.us or call **304-637-6182**.

The museum is located on the first floor of the Darden Mill, #2 Railroad Ave., Elkins, West Virginia 26241 one block south of the **Elkins Depot** in downtown Elkins, at the intersection of Railroad Ave and First Street. The GPS coordinates are: 38.9233465 and -79.8532057. The **West Virginia Railroad Museum** is located on the second floor of the Darden Mill.

<http://www.afha.us/DiscoveryCenter/index.htm>

THOSE WHO WOULD BE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING TO MAN THE DISPLAY AT THE AFHA DISCOVERY CENTER ON THURSDAYS THROUGH SUNDAYS SHOULD CONTACT JOE LANCASTER AT:

joelanca@gmail.com





Those attending the meeting enjoyed social hour and buffet dinner. The WV SAF Executive Committee met following the banquet. Friday's events started with the WV SAF Business Meeting. With about 35 in attendance, Chairman, Jamie

Schuler, urged students to spread out and sit with members and introduce themselves. Those in attendance voted to accept the minutes from the last meeting and the treasurer's report.

Matt Hunter of the WVU SAF Student Chapter updated the group on recent WVU SAF

Student Chapter activities. The group meets every other Wednesday to plan activities such as: Adopt-A-Highway, American chestnut plantings at the WVU Research Forest, hosting dendrology walks, assisting with WVU Alumni Weekend,



attendance at regional and state meetings and the national convention, quiz bowl participation, Christmas tree sales, and multi-club paintball competitions. Those in attendance voted to donate \$500 to offset the costs of student chapter's attendance at the 2017 National SAF Convention in New Mexico.

Jamie reported on SAF's participation in the National Boy Scout Jamboree earlier in the summer - See the full report later in this newsletter. It is hoped that a more creative, attention grabbing display can be developed for the International Boy Scout Jamboree in 2019 and the next National Boy scout Jamboree in 2021.

The group voted to donate a framed Logging in WV print to the Appalachian Forest Heritage Area (AFHA) Discovery Center to be used as part of their displays. Joe Lancaster graciously agreed to serve as the WV SAF liaison to the AFHA.

Jamie Schuler also reported on the preliminary plans for the WV Division hosting the Allegheny SAF Meeting in February 2019. Please see the information at right for your opportunity to volunteer to help with this event.

Allegheny SAF Meeting

February 2019



Serving Forests and
Foresters of PA, WV, NJ,
MD, DE

The WV Division of SAF will be hosting the Allegheny SAF meeting in February of 2019. Planning has already begun for this three day multi-state event.

The WV Division needs your help to make this meeting a success!

If you would like to volunteer to help with speakers, field tours and logistics for this important SAF activity, please contact, Chair-Elect Todd Lotter at:

Todd.Lotter@afmforest.com

Jamie also mentioned that elections would be coming up in the near future via e-mail and he urged all to consider taking on a leadership role in the WV Division.

Finally, plans for the Summer/Fall meeting were discussed. Look for information regarding this upcoming meeting to be possibly held in the Parkersburg area during the February/March timeframe



West Virginia Division of Forestry Director/State Forester, Barry Cook, gave an update on plans and activities for the agency. He reported on staffing and reorganization plans, inventory, management and harvest strategies on State Forests, vehicle fleet improvement, personnel merit raises and morale, reinstating the summer intern program as well as other issues.

Topics presented during the Friday's technical session were varied and included the following:

- **Carbon Sequestration in Hardwood Forests**, Eddie Brzostek, WVU Dept. of Biology
- **Forest Carbon Offsets/Credits**, Jonathon Pomp, Technical Director, New Conservation LLC
- **Update on the Hardwood Industry**, Joe McNeel, WVU Appalachian Hardwood Center
<http://ahc.wvu.edu/>
- **Conservation Easements: A Tool for long-Term Forest Conservation Planning**, Rick Landenberger, WV Land Trust
- **Forest Legacy Program**, John P. Rowe, Forest Legacy Coordinator, WVDOF
- **Update on the American Chestnut**, Melissa Thomas-Van Gundy, USFS and West Virginia Wesleyan students, Michael Winters and Annika Naylor
- **Red Spruce Gap Characteristics**, Aaron Lutz, WVU Master's Student



John P. Rowe
WVDOF



Rick Landenberger
WV Land Trust



Annika Naylor
West Virginia Wesleyan College

THANKS TO ALL WHO MADE THE MEETING POSSIBLE!

The Kurt Gottschalk Science Fund

Named after a past chair of the Forest Science and Technology Board, the Kurt Gottschalk Science Fund supports projects that conduct and/or support forestry research, conduct and/or support continuing education activities and the transfer of knowledge, and promote collaboration and relationships with other SAF entities and external groups.

Those wishing to donate to this worthy cause should visit:

https://www.eforester.org/SAFCore/Fundraising/Give_to_a_Cause.aspx?ItemId=SCNCE

The following is information for those interested in applying for a grant/scholarship available through the Kurt Gottschalk Science Fund:

Project Proposals

Proposals must meet one or more of the Fund's goals and can include, but not limited to, the following:

- Conduct and/or support forestry research including graduate student funding, identification or prioritization of research needs, literature reviews, and to collect preliminary data to develop a larger proposal.
- Conduct continuing education activities including conferences, panel discussions, and workshops
- Conduct outreach effects such as publications, special issues of the *Journal of Forestry*, and websites

Eligibility

Any SAF member, representing either an SAF unit or an external entity, is eligible to submit a proposal, given the endorsement of one or more SAF Working Groups.

Proposals must include:

Summary of Project

A brief project summary (up to 200 words) that captures the goals, methods, and final products of the project.

Objectives

A clear statement of the specific objectives of the project and how they meet the goals of the Science Fund.

Methods

A detailed description of the specific steps that will be used to accomplish the stated objectives including how learning outcomes will be measured.

Products

A clear statement of the anticipated final product(s) of the project.

Recognition

A description of how SAF will be credited for the project.

Budget

Provide an overall project budget and detailed list of items or services for which the requested funds will be spent. Project collaborators or in-kind support should be listed.

Project Duration

Project completion dates should typically be within 1 to 2 years of the date of the grant application.

Deadlines

Proposals are due February 15 and August 15 for three types of funding:

- Loans (up to \$5,000)
- Regular Grants (up to \$2,500)
- Special Grants (up to \$5,000)

Those submitting proposals are encouraged to contact SAF prior to developing and submitting a proposal to inquire whether funds are available.

The Kurt Gottschalk Science Fund application can be accessed at:

http://www.eforester.org/Main/Community/Grants/Science_Fund.aspx



For Sale - "West Virginia Logging" and "Forester at Home" Prints

The "West Virginia Logging" unframed prints are available for \$35.

Those interested should contact Charles Copeland at: Charles.R.Copeland@wv.gov

"FORESTER AT HOME" prints are also still available from the West Virginia Forestry Association has teamed with the WV Society of American Foresters to sell the "Forester at Home". Unframed: \$85 Shipping and Handling. Contact the WVFA office to order your copy or for more information at 304-372-1955.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR SERVICE AND ACHIEVEMENTS?

National Awards, Fellow Nominations SAF Introduces Three New Awards

Now is the time to identify and nominate your worthy peers for the service and contributions they provide to the Society and the forestry profession. Three new awards have been added to the suite of national awards to provide for recognition of excellence in the areas of student leadership, leadership in diversity, and leadership in employer support. The three new awards are Diversity Leadership Award, Employer Leadership Award, and Student Leadership Award.

Nominations for National Awards

Nominations for the 2017 National Awards are now closed, but it's not too soon to start thinking about nominations for 2018! **The deadline will be March 15, 2018.**

Fellows

One of the highest honors for members of the Society, the rank of Fellow is an exceptional recognition bestowed on a member by his or her peers for outstanding contributions and service to the SAF and the profession.

Forest Science and Technology Awards

Award in Forest Science

The Award in Forest Science recognizes distinguished individual research in any branch of the quantitative, managerial, and/or social sciences leading to the advancement of forestry.

Barrington Moore Memorial Award

The Barrington Moore Memorial Award recognizes outstanding achievement in biological research leading to the advancement of forestry.

Technology Transfer Award

The Technology Transfer Award recognizes outstanding performance in the areas of technology transfer, implementation and extension.

Communications Awards

Outstanding Forestry Journalism Award

The Outstanding Forestry Journalism Award recognizes high quality journalistic coverage of topics that increase the American public's understanding of forestry and natural resources.

W. D. Hagenstein Communicator Award

The Hagenstein Communicator Award recognizes an SAF member who leads innovative and exemplary communications initiatives and programs that increase the general public's understanding of forestry and natural resources.

Professional Development Awards

Carl Alwin Schenck Award

The Carl Alwin Schenck Award recognizes devotion and demonstrated outstanding performance in the field of forestry education.

John A. Beale Memorial Award

The John A. Beale Memorial Award recognizes outstanding efforts over a sustained period of time by an SAF member in the promotion of forestry through voluntary service to the Society.

Gifford Pinchot Medal

The Gifford Pinchot Medal recognizes outstanding contributions by a forestry professional in the administration, practice, and professional development of North American Forestry.

Sir William Schlich Memorial Award

The Sir William Schlich Memorial Award recognizes broad and outstanding contributions to the field of forestry with emphasis on, but not limited to, policy and national or international activities.

Honorary Membership

The Honorary Membership Award recognizes individuals whose contributions to forestry are viewed as outstanding by their peers.

Young Forester Leadership Award

The Young Forester Leadership Award recognizes outstanding leadership by a young forestry professional in the development and promotion of an individual program or project, or for a sustained leadership role benefiting the practice of forestry and the Society of American Foresters.

Leadership Awards

Diversity Leadership Award

The Diversity Leadership Award recognizes outstanding individual achievement leading to innovative and exemplary diversity and inclusion efforts.

Employer Leadership Award

The Employer Leadership Award recognizes an employer that demonstrates leadership through consistent support of employee participation in SAF and broad engagement in the profession.

Student Leadership Award

The Student Leadership Award recognizes individual student achievement and leadership at the local, regional, or national level.

Presidential Field Forester Awards

The Presidential Field Forester Awards recognize foresters who have dedicated their professional careers to the application of forestry on the ground using sound, scientific methods and adaptive management strategies. The awards are presented to individuals who have displayed uncommon talent, skill, and innovative methods to achieve a record of excellence in the application of forest management.

Outstanding SAF Student Chapter Award

The Outstanding SAF Student Chapter Award recognizes the outstanding SAF student chapter in the nation and its faculty representative during an academic year.

Three student chapters are recognized annually during the SAF National Convention. The first place student chapter will receive a \$500 honorarium. All three student chapters will be recognized in *The Forestry Source*. The school's department head and/or dean, the university president, and the SAF faculty representative will receive notification of the award.

Awards nominations and questions can be directed to Lori Rasor at rasorl@safnet.org



MARK YOUR CALENDARS.....

Upcoming SAF Events

Winter/Spring West Virginia Division Meeting

Plans are already underway for our next meeting. Tentatively, the meeting will be held in the Parkersburg area in February or March.

WV Division of SAF will be hosting the Allegheny Meeting in February 2019

Your help is needed to plan and hold this 3-day multi-state meeting!

Future SAF National Convention Meeting dates:

2017 - Albuquerque, New Mexico

November 13-19

2018 - Portland, Oregon

September 30-October 7

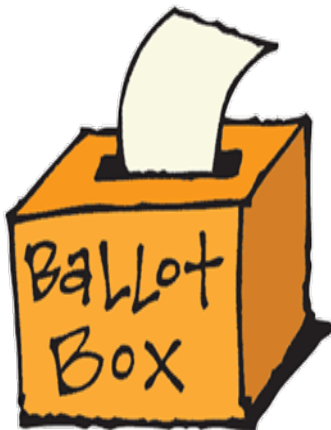
2019 - Louisville, Kentucky

October 29-November 3

Other Upcoming Events.....

THE WV DIVISION OF SAF NEEDS

YOU!



It will soon be time for elections. Positions available include:

- **Chair-Elect**
- **Secretary/Treasurer**
- **Communications Chair**
- **4 Members-at-Large**

If you would like to help the WV Division of SAF with your leadership and knowledge, please contact Jamie Schuler at: Jamie.Schuler@mail.wvu.edu or (304) 293-3896.

Check out the SAF Website at: <http://www.safnet.org/>

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Society of American Foresters (SAF). At the top left is the SAF logo with the tagline "Growing Better All the Time". To the right of the logo are navigation links: "About SAF", "Renew", "Join", "Profile", "My CFES", "SAF Store", and a "Member Login" button. Below the logo, a text box states: "SAF's new address as of Feb. 1, 2016: 10100 Laureate Way, Bethesda, Maryland 20814". To the right of this is a search bar and a button that says "Invest in Your Profession. Donate Today." Below the navigation bar is a horizontal menu with links for "Certification", "Convention", "Education", "Career Center", "Publications", "Working Groups", "Business Directory", and "Event Calendar". The main content area features four large image tiles, each with a "CLICK HERE" button: "Forestry Professionals" (a man with a laptop in a forest), "Landowners and Public" (a man sitting in a forest), "Local Units" (a group of people in a meeting), and "Forestry Students" (a group of diverse young people). Below these are three smaller image tiles: "2016 SAF National Convention" (Madison, Wisconsin - Nov. 2-6, 2016), "Forest Policy" (a view of the US Capitol), and "Certified Forester" (a forester in a red hat). At the bottom, there are sections for "Forestry News" (with a link to "New SAF Website to Launch Soon: Impact on current site"), "Job Postings" (with a link to "Associate Director of Forest Carbon Development"), and a Facebook widget for the "Society of American Foresters" showing 3,916 likes and buttons for "Like Page" and "Contact Us".

Do you want to get involved?

During the executive committee and business meetings, ideas about offering a scholarship or an internship opportunity with consulting foresters or other small operations and developing improved outreach displays/materials were discussed.

Are you interested in serving on an ad hoc committee to help develop these ideas? If so, contact Jamie Schuler Jamie.Schuler@mail.wvu.edu or (304) 293-3896.

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The Society of American Foresters at the 2017 National Boy Scout Jamboree

Article submitted by Bob Radspinner with information provided by Jamie Shuler, Bryan Seipp, Barb Breshock, and Barb McWhorter.

From July 19th through July 27th, West Virginia hosted scouts and scouters from throughout the United States, US territories, and many countries at scouting's world class Summit Bechtel Reserve.

Approximately 35,000 campers descended on Glen Jean, West Virginia to experience the opportunity to meet other scouts and experience high adventure on 11,000 acres near the New River Gorge.

Located on the west end of Summit Center on a forested ridge was a series of tents featuring exhibits and activities all related to natural resources. Foresters, wildlife biologists, and other resource professionals from state, federal, and the private sector, staff what was known as the "Conservation Trail". Realizing that many scouts become interested in natural resource careers during their scouting experience, the National Conservation Task Force of the Boy Scouts invited natural resource organizations to participate in this outreach program in past jamborees. This tradition continues and the Conservation Trail is where scouts learn about natural resource professions while having fun in a wooded environment.

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Scouts take the Forestry Challenge

2013, the West Virginia Division, Allegheny Society took effort for the Society of American Foresters. SAF the West Virginia Division of Forestry to introduce scouts through instruction in Forestry Merit Badge and to questions about career opportunities in the profession. provided a fun learning activity called the Forestry Individual scouts or groups would attempt to answer 12 questions posted on trees along the conservation trail to earn a special patch. As the Jamboree has a WLAN, QR codes were provided to take participants to websites to find answers.

At our location on the Conservation trail, we had 2,844 visitors from 48 states – only New Mexico & South Dakota didn't stop by but we had scouts/leaders from Australia, Aruba, England, Haiti, Japan, Norway, Sweden, Peru, Taiwan, and Thailand. We worked 67 hours which translated to 42 visitors/ hour.



Jamie Shuler with SAF appreciation plaque

At the leadership luncheon, Jamie Schuler, current West Virginia Division chair, accepted a plaque of appreciation from the Boy Scouts for SAF participating on the conservation trail at this National Jamboree. Jamie, who has a son in scouting, added his thoughts on his volunteer experience on the Conservation Trail. *"The future is looking bright for forestry and other natural resource professions. My conversations with a great number of boy scouts revealed their excitement and interest in the outdoors. Our job is to show them that we can manage our natural resources in ways that are sustainable and beneficial to society."*

Leading the Conservation Trail as Chairman was Mike Huneke. Mike works for the USFS and is a member of the Maryland/Delaware Division of the Allegheny SAF having served as chapter chair in 2006-2007. He was recognized for his efforts on the Boy Scouts National Conservation Task Force and presented The William T. Hornaday Gold Medal, BSA's highest individual conservation award. It recognizes unusual and distinguished service in natural resource conservation and environmental improvement at the regional, national, or international level.

SAF volunteers assisting on the Conservation Trail included Jim Dailer, John Brown, Rick Sypolt, Melissa Thomas-Van Gundy, Joe Lancaster, Jamie Schuler, Barb Breshock and Rudy Williams from the Allegheny Society plus Lee Spadlin and Bob Radspinner from the Appalachian Society in Virginia.



Russ Hunsacker, Summit Center Chairman presents a plaque to Jaime Schuler, WV Division of SAF



Lee Spadlin and Bob Radspinner at the National Boy Scout Jamboree



Boy Scouts visit the Conservation Trail at the National Jamboree.

Those who are Amazon.com shoppers are urged to donate a portion of their purchase price to the WVU Forestry Endowment Fund through the Amazon Smile Program. To do this, the shopper needs to sign into Amazon Smile when placing an order with Amazon. Once the order is placed, the shopper will have the opportunity to indicate the donation be made to the Forestry Endowment Fund.



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This costs the consumer nothing extra. Amazon has formed the Amazon Smile Foundation which donates 0.5% of the purchase amount to the charity selected by the shopper.

PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY WHO SHOP THROUGH AMAZON.

Attention all West Virginia University graduates of the Division of Forestry and Natural Resources Management

New and exciting activities are happening with your WVU alumni association. Please consider joining the new West Virginia University School of Natural Resources Alumni association. For just \$15.00 annual dues you can become a member of this organization and impact the future of natural resources management. For details contact Jim Harrold at harroldjb@gmail.com.



HELP WANTED.....

As the Communications Chair, I welcome any input you can provide regarding content suggestions, upcoming events, awards, obituaries, etc.

Thank you --- Barb McWhorter (Barbara.McWhorter@wv.usda.gov)