

Forestry on the Grow

2009 Forest Utilization Conference & Expo

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Forestry on the Grow is the 14th Annual Oklahoma Forest Utilization Conference and Equipment Exposition for *Exploring Opportunities and New Technologies for Natural Resources Management and the Wood Products Industry*. Presented by Ouachita Mountains RC&D, Inc. in cooperation with a team of dedicated professionals and generous sponsors, the purpose for the conference and expo is sharing information with not only those who are currently involved in the forest industry but also those considering opportunities in this growing segment of the economy.

The conference is designed with two concurring sessions for you to choose from that focus on the interests of:

- * Forest landowners, or
- * Primary forest products/Secondary wood manufacturers

Included in this year's conference are:

- * "Walk in the Woods" Tour
- * Cutting for Grade
- * GPS Field Trip
- * Developing Timber Sales
- * Forest Management Planning, and many more.

CFE hours for professional foresters will be available.

In conjunction with the conference, there is an equipment and demonstration exposition where manufacturers of forestry-related products and equipment will highlight the latest technology available to the forest industry. Service providers will also be on hand to share the services they have available for the industry.

The Conference & Expo is being held at Western Hills Guest Ranch which is located on the shores of beautiful Lake Fort Gibson in Sequoyah Resort Park surrounded by the forests and wildlife of northeastern Oklahoma. The lodge and park facilities include an 18-hole golf course, riding stable, hiking trails, boat ramps, and more. You and your family can get away for a few days of learning and pleasure.

Pre-registration cost for the conference and exposition is \$100.00 per person and includes admittance to all conference sessions and exhibit areas, 4 meals, evening hospitality, and one-on-one consultation with industry professionals who want to help you improve your business. (Limited financial assistance is available to help with conference-related costs. See details on the back of this brochure.)

Exceptional Experts

A renowned and diverse group of speakers and presenters, who are experts in their respective fields, are being assembled for the conference.

Professors from the Department of Wood Science at Virginia Polytechnic Institute will be on hand to share their knowledge with conference participants. Dr. Brian Bond from Blacksburg, Virginia will address *Hardwood Log Grading*, and *Cutting for Grade*. Dr. Ron Masters from Tallahassee, Florida will discuss *Eco-System Management for Wildlife and Forestry*.

Other presenters include:

- * Dr. Deborah Gaddis, Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS
- * Dr. Craig McKinley, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK
- * Dr. Bill Hubbard, Southern Regional Extension Forestry, Athens, GA
- * Dr. Dwayne Elmore, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK

Along with other professionals addressing topics relative to today's forest industry .

You won't want to miss this unique opportunity to take advantage of a wealth of knowledge, network with the speakers and presenters, exchange information with others in professions similar to your own, and make valuable contacts for potential resources.

For additional information,
please visit our website

www.omrcd.org

LODGING INFORMATION

Western Hills Guest Ranch lodging rate for the conference is \$60/night single or \$70 double.

Room Reservations should be made directly to them toll free at **1-800-368-1486** or at 918-772-2545.

(Mention this conference to receive special rates.) – *Deadline for Room Reservations is September 4th, 2009.*

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

For any additional conference information, please contact Ouachita Mountains RC&D, Inc.

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