

Our purpose:

Create a forum for the open exchange of information and ideas as urban and rural forest health professionals so we can better prepare for emerging threats, manage forests more effectively and sustainably, continue to learn and expand our ability to preserve the balance of forests with the developed and natural ecosystem

Invitation

This Annual Conference, which is hosted by the VAFHP, is Virginia's largest forum for discussing forest health issues, including forest management, forest insects and diseases, and non-native invasive plants.

We will be offering pesticide applicator recertification credits for the following states:

DC: Approved for categories 3A, 3B, 3C and 6
DE: Approved for categories 2, 3, and 10
MD: Approved for categories 2, 3A, 6, 9, 10 and 13
NC: Approved for categories G, L, N, D and X
PA: pending
VA: Approved for categories 2, 3A, 9, 10 and 60
TN: pending
WV: Approved 3, 7, 11 and 13C
NOTE: Full attendance during both meeting days is REQUIRED to obtain recertification credits

Additionally, CEU credits are offered for the following organizations:

Society of American Foresters: pending
International Society of Arboriculture: Approved
Includes the following categories:
-Certified Arborists
-Utility Specialists
-Municipal Specialists
-Tree Worker Climber Specialists
-Board Certified Master Arborists

We invite you to attend this year's conference which will offer many interesting topics including timely information for a large range of interests.

Monday, February 6, 2012

8:00 – 8:45 Registration
8:45 – 9:00 Welcome and Introduction
9:00 – 9:30 Mother Nature's Graffiti – The Biology Behind Invasive Tree Species – Joseph Murray, Blue Ridge CC
9:30–10:00 American Chestnut Restoration – Katy McCune, ACF
10:00 – 10:30 Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Biological Control – Dr. Scott Salom, Virginia Tech
10:30 – 10:45 Break
10:45 – 11:15 A survey of *Verticillium albo-atrum* on Tree-of-Heaven in Virginia – Amy Snyder, Virginia Tech
11:15 – 11:45 Brown Marmorated Stink Bug – Starker Wright, USDA ARS
11:45 – 12:00 Emerald Ash Borer Update – Debra Martin, VDACS
12:00-1:15 LUNCH Provided by VA FHP
1:15 – 1:45 Thousand Cankers Disease Update – Norman Dart, VDACS
1:45 – 2:00 Gypsv Moth Update – Larry Nichols, VDACS
2:00 – 2:30 Legal Aspects of Pesticide Use – Debbie Brown, VDACS
2:30 – 2:45 Break
2:45-3:15 Pesticide Safety – Mike Lachance, Virginia Cooperative Extension
3:15-3:30 Controlling Forest Insects with B.t.k. and IGRs. Stephen Nicholson, Valent Biosciences
3:30-4:00 Open
4:00 Adjourn

7:00 SOCIAL sponsored by Valent Biosciences

Tuesday, February 7, 2012

8:15 – 8:45 Registration
8:45 – 9:00 Opening Remarks/Intro of New Officers
9:00 – 9:30 Asian Long-horned Beetle Update - Dr. Chris Asaro, VDOF
9:30 – 10:00 Virginia's Sudden Oak Death Survey – Todd Edgerton, VDOF
10:00 – 10:30 The Great Dismal Swamp Fire – Laura Mitchell, USFWS
10:30-10:45 Break
10:45-11:15 VA DCR's Natural Heritage Program – Rick Myers, VA DCR
11:15-11:45 The Flora of Virginia – Tom Smith, VA DCR
11:45 – 1:15 Lunch on Your Own
1:15 – 1:45 The George Washington National Forest Management Plan – Kate Wofford, Shenandoah Valley Network
1:45-2:15 Casey Trees, Washington DC – Who are we and what do we do? – Marty O'Brien
2:15 – 3:00 Open
3:00 Closing Remarks

Registration 2012 Annual Conference February 6-7, 2012

Registration fee (includes breaks and Monday Lunch)
By January 23, 2012

General Registration	\$75.00
One Day Only	\$50.00
Students	\$35.00

Sorry, no refunds after payment is received
Late registration \$90.00 if received after January 23, 2011

Please make check payable to: **VAFHP**
Send your registration and payment to:
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Do you prefer a vegetarian meal?

- Yes
 No

Will you exhibit in the poster session?

- Yes
 No

If you need help to ship your materials ahead of time or for more information, please contact Ian Treggett at 540-658-8000 x1059.

Name _____

Affiliation _____

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Dates: February 6-7, 2012

Conference registration includes: VAFHP offers
coffee and snacks in the morning during registration
and breaks. Lunch is provided on Monday only.

Accommodations:

When calling for lodging, use local number listed, as
VAFHP has arranged special lodging prices.

**Single \$77.00 + tax per night,
Double \$115.50 + tax per night,
until all rooms are booked**

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