



Hello SAF!

Another spring is upon us. After a winter with an abundant amount of snow, I'm sure you are as glad as I am to see trees budding! The Maine Executive Committee, especially our Members at Large, is hard at work planning three field tours for this summer, scattered throughout the state.

The following is the information for the tours we have planned, included in this mailing are the registration form for each of the tours.

June 21st: Forest Management on Maine's Coastal Islands: Restrictions and Possibilities. Nautilus Island, Castine.

July 27th: White Pine Silviculture and Forest Health. Chadbourne Tree Farms, Bethel, Maine.

September 13th: Management of American Beech--Treating diseased beech, while retaining quality smooth bark genetics . Ashland, Maine.

We are also very busy planning our annual SAF meeting in the fall. This year we will be returning to the University of Maine campus, on October 23rd in the Wells Conference Center. We are planning on multiple formats, including panel discussions and individual speakers. Our general theme is challenges in the forestry profession and solutions to address them. Because we make up such a diverse group of foresters with multiple backgrounds and areas of focus, we are setting up our program to cover a wide variety of topics. These topics include consulting forestry, mill upgrades and markets, the industry workforce, and new loggers entering the profession. Please check back in to the Maine SAF Website periodically for an agenda and registration details.

Currently, we are looking for a Forestry Awareness Committee Chair. Responsibilities include being a point of contact for forestry events in the state, and communicating through our membership where there might be a need for foresters to volunteer (Envirothon, School Forestry Days, etc.) Maine SAF is also looking to re-instate a Policy Committee. We are trying to pull together a well-rounded group, from students to folks who have been in policy for years, to those who just want to learn more. Additionally, every year we look for nominees for vice-chair of the executive committee, and members at large. If any of these positions are something you might be interested in, please do not hesitate to contact me directly with any additional questions.

I wish you all happy spring and summers, and hope to see you at our summer field tours and fall meeting.

Sincerely,

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Chair, Maine SAF