

**Virginia Loggers Association  
2024 Annual Meeting Program  
Williamsburg Lodge – August 8 – 10, 2024**

**\*\*NOTE: Program Eligible for SHARP Logger & SAF credits. SHARP = Up to 11.5 CEs; SAF Up to 8.5 CEs**

**Thursday August 8: 10 am– 11 pm:**

- 10 am – 11 pm: Exhibitors’ setup in Virginia Room ABC
- 2 -7 pm: Registration in Conference Registration 2
- **6:30 – 7:30 pm: VLA Board of Directors** in Governor Jefferson Board Room

**Friday August 9: 8 am to 11 pm – Registration Open & Exhibits**

- 7 am – 5 pm: Exhibitors in Virginia Room ABC
- 7 am – 5 pm: Registration in Conference Registration 2

**Friday August 9: 9am – 11:30 am – Legal Workshop**

- 9 am – 11:30 am: Legal Topics (Northern Long Eared Bat Update; Human Resources; Employee Handbook) for Businesses in Virginia Room DEF by Attorneys John Stacey, Jason Mackey, Mitchell Goldstein
- Registration On Going in Conference Registration 2
- Registration Accepting Auction Donations

**Friday August 9: 1-5 pm General Session**

- Registration Open Until 5 pm in Conference Registration 2
- 1 pm – 5 pm: General Session in Virginia Room DEF
  - 1 – 1:10: Welcome by VLA President Frank Myers
  - 1:10 – 1:30: Mike Davis – “Why is There a Biomass Industry”
  - 1:35 – 2:05: Joe Conrad – UGA – “Proactive Solutions to Improve Safety and Reduce Costs of Timber Transportation”
  - 2:10 – 2:30: Networking/Vendors’ Time w/Refreshments in Virginia Room ABC
  - 2:35 – 3:00: Scott Barrett – VA Tech CNRE
  - 3:05 – 3:15: Bill Dine – FMIC - Updates
  - 3:20 – 4:10: Trooper Kody Childress VSP Motor Carrier Clearing House
  - 4:15 – 4:45: Glenn Davis – VA Department of Energy – Virginia’s Energy Plan 2.0 – The Path to Affordable, Reliable, & Increasingly Clean Energy Grid
  - 4:45 – 5:00: VLA Updates

**Friday August 9: 6 – 11 pm**

- 6 – 6:45 pm: Welcome Reception in Virginia Foyer
- 6:45 pm: Fife & Drum Welcomes Guests to Dinner
- **Prayer**
- 7 – 8 pm: Fire on the Grill Buffet Dinner in Colony Room
- Guest Speaker – Congressman Rob Wittman w/Introduction by Senator Bryce Reeves
- Awards & Special Recognition: VLA Presidents, Supporter of the Year, Log a Load
- Virginia Forestry Educational Foundation – Ken Morgan
- Senator Bryce Reeves Presents Resolution

- Recognize Sponsors
- Network, eat, drink, relax until 11 pm

**Saturday August 10: 7:30 am – 11:00 pm**

- 8 am – 1 pm: Registration Continues in Conference Registration 2
- 6:30 – 9 am: The First Colony Breakfast Buffet in Allegheny room

**General Session: 7:30 am - noon Virginia Room DEF**

- 7:30 – 7:50: Welcome & Updates from the Administration – Matt Lohr, Secretary of Agriculture & Forestry
- 7:55 – 8:25: James Sweeney – BofA – Market & Economic Outlook for Forest Products
- 8:30 -10:00 Biomass/Forestry/Energy/Policy Panel Moderated by Frank Myers
  - Policy panelists: Amanda Batten, Rob Farrell, John Lee.
  - Operations’ Panelists: Chris Brown, Vance Wright, Scott Dane, Don Bright
- 10:00 – 10:15: Networking/Vendors’ Time w/Refreshments in Virginia Room ABC
- 10:20 – 10:50: Erin Smith – BofA – Estate, Tax, & Succession Planning
- 10:55 – 11:10: Pete Hancock – Roseburg – Current Scope of Operations & Future Priorities
- 11:15 – 11:25: Nathan Arnold – BITCO – Safety in the Biomass Field
- 11:30 - Noon: Stephen Setliff – General Counsel – “Stuff You Need to Know to Survive 2024”

**Saturday 8:30 am to 10:30 am – Adult and Youth Workshops**

- 8- 8:45 am: Stories of “*Colonial Williamsburg History*” by Nate Boyer of Long Island Lumber in Piedmont B
- 9 – 9:45 am: “*Youth Patriotism Workshop*” by Belle Simpson in Piedmont B
- 10 – noon: Hover Ball Archery by VA Department of Wildlife Resources on Virginia Lawn
- 9 - noon: Adult “*Wood is Good*” Workshop by Rita Hyatt in Piedmont Room A

Saturday noon to 5:30 PM – Enjoy Colonial Williamsburg, Busch Gardens, Shopping, networking, and much more!  
Lunch is on Your Own at the Lodge and Nearby Restaurants!

**Saturday 1:30– 3:30 pm - SHARP Logger Required Course**

- 1:30 – 3:30 pm: Required SHARP Logger CE by VDOF & VT in Piedmont Room C

**Saturday 5:30 – 11 pm:**

- 5:30 - 6:30 pm: Reception in Virginia Foyer
- Frank Myers Moderates Session, Opening Prayer
- 6:45 pm: Flavors of Tidewater Buffet dinner in Virginia Room DEF
- Guest Speaker Scott Dane
- 8:00 pm Live Auction by Nicely Auction + Silent Auction in Virginia Room DEF – ALL PROCEEDS GO TO LOG – A – LOAD FOR KIDS!
- 9:00 pm to 11 pm – Colonial DJs Music, Dancing, Networking in Virginia Room

**Sunday August 11:**

- 10:00 am - Exhibitors and VLA must complete exhibit removal
- Check out or stay an extra day or two!