

VIRGINIA LOGGERS ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE AT VIRGINIA TECH
CONFERENCE AGENDA AUGUST 17 – 20, 2017

Thursday 8/17 (6:00 PM – 9:00 PM) at Latham DEF

6:00 pm – 9 pm Joint Meeting of VLA Board of Directors, Board of Forestry and VT CNRE Leaders

EXHIBITS AND DISPLAYS IN LATHAM BALLROOM C THURSDAY EVENING – SUNDAY 10 AM

Friday 8/18 (1:00 PM – 5:00 PM)

Assembly Hall

8 am – 3 am

REGISTRATION IN LATHAM FOYER

1:00 pm – 1:30 pm

Dr. Paul Winistorfer - Welcome from VT CNRE

1:35 pm – 2:20 pm Craig Feister

Craig Feister - Federal Motor Carrier: ELDS and SMS

2:25 pm – 3:05 pm

Pete Stewart - Forest2Market- The Past & Future Market Trends

BREAK at Upper Quad

3:15 pm – 3:45 pm

Dr. Andrew Ellis - A Guide to Practical Weather and Climate Information for Loggers

3:50 pm – 4:20 pm

Dr. Bob Smith - Wood Products: Past, Present & Future

4:25 pm – 4:55 pm

Dr. Urs Buehlman - Housing Outlook

Friday 8/18 (6:00 PM– 9:00 PM)

**Legislative Reception, Social, Food & Open Bar
The Great Lawn or if Inclement Weather Latham AB**

Saturday 8/19 (7 AM – Noon PM)

Presentations at the Assembly Hall

7 am – 10 am

REGISTRATION IN LATHAM FOYER

7:00 am -7:30 am

Breakfast Served in Latham AB

7:45 am – 8:15 am

Bettina Ring - Virginia's Forests Updates

8:20 am – 8:50 am

Dr. Basil Gooden - View from the Governor's Office & Markets

8:55 am – 9:35 am

D. K. Knight - Change is Constant, Finding True North A Challenge

BREAK at Upper Quad

9:45 am – 10:15 am

Dr. Henry Quesada-Pineda - Energy Policy & Pellets

10:20 am – 10:40 am

Dr. Scott Barrett - Virginia Harvesting Overview

10:45 am – 11:00 am

Keith Biggs - TEAM Safe Trucking Update

11:05 am – 11:35 am

Kirby Funderburke - Pulp & Paper Perspectives

11:40 am – noon

Forestry Mutual Insurance - Logger of the Year Award

Lunch Enjoy Blacksburg on Your Own!

Saturday 8/19 - 6:00 pm– 7:00 pm

Reception in Latham Foyer

Saturday 8/19 - 7:00 pm – 11:00 pm

Banquet, President Award, Entertainment and Fun with red, white & blue American pride theme! Come dress in your American pride colors on Saturday evening.

Optional Events:

Thursday August 17, 2017

- Afternoon - Tubing on the New River. Travel is on your own.
- Tour Moss Art Center and see great wooden art creations by local Appalachian artists. Shuttle or drive your vehicle.
- Enjoy local breweries, wineries, hiking nearby and more.
- 3 pm – 4 pm - Tour Virginia Tech Athletic Facilities.

Friday August 18, 2017

- 9:00 am – 11 am - Tornado weather demonstration in the CUBE presented by the Meteorology faculty in the College of Natural Resources & Environment presented at the newly built Moss Arts Center. “Experience what it is like to be in a tornado!”
- 2 pm – 3 pm (approximately) – Making credit and loans uncomplicated. Offered at The Inn. Spouses and others handling your business loan applications would benefit from this workshop.

Saturday August 19, 2017 Morning:

- Make and Take Christmas wreaths’ workshop by Rita Hyatt at The Inn. Also included is a visit to the Moss Arts Center to meet four Appalachian wood - making artists who will speak about the art of making things with wood. You will also see their great wooden creations. Shuttle available.

Saturday August 19, 2017 Afternoon:

- Afternoon - Tubing on the New River. Travel is on your own.
- 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm -SHARP Logger Training required 3 hours of face - to - face training. Offered at The Inn.
- 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm - Tornado weather demonstration in the CUBE presented by the Meteorology faculty in the College of Natural Resources & Environment presented at the newly built Moss Arts Center. “Experience what it is like to be in a tornado!” Shuttle or drive your vehicle.

Questions – Please call or email Ron Jenkins at 804 – 677 – 4290
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