

NCFA Annual Meeting

Healthy Markets, Healthy Forests

We are excited to announce that the NCFA's 2023 Annual Meeting general session begins Wednesday, September 27th at 1:30 pm. Wednesday includes a keynote presentation on workforce development and two panel discussions. Our welcome reception occurs Wednesday evening followed by dinner and the FFPAC reverse raffle.

The general session will reconvene with four presentations on Thursday, September 28th from 8:30 am to noon. Attendees can participate in golf or sporting clays or explore the Asheville area that afternoon. The President's Reception is at 6 pm Thursday, followed by the awards banquet and special entertainment, Balsam Range.

	Time	Event	Location
Wednesday 27	9am-12pm	Registration and Exhibit Hall Setup	Lioncrest Veranda
	9am-6pm	Be Pro Be Proud Experience	
	1:30pm	Keynote Presentation: <i>Workforce Development</i> Catherine Truitt, Superintendent of Public Instruction, NCDPI	Lioncrest Ballroom
	2:30pm	Break	Lioncrest Veranda
	2:45pm	<i>Education Panel: The Future is Bright for Forestry Education in NC</i> Maggie Pope, Forestry Workforce Training Institute Josh Bledsoe, NC Future Farmers of America Chan Chandler, TC Roberson High School Moderator: Rob Elliot, Pactiv Evergreen	Lioncrest Chestnut
	2:45pm	<i>Nantahala Pisgah Management Plan Panel</i> Megan Sutton, The Nature Conservancy Michelle Aldridge, National Forests in North Carolina Nick Biemiller, Ruffed Grouse Society Lawson Fite, Marten Law Practice Moderator: John Hatcher, PhD, North Carolina Forestry Association	Lioncrest Ballroom
	3:45pm	Break	Lioncrest Veranda
	4:00pm	<i>Heirs' Property and Land Utilization</i> Mavis Gragg, HeirShares	Lioncrest Ballroom
	6:00pm	Welcome Reception	Lioncrest Veranda
	7:00pm	Dinner / FFPAC Reverse Raffle	Deerpark North
	7:00am	Breakfast	Lioncrest Veranda
	8am-2pm	Be Pro Be Proud Experience	Deerpark/Lioncrest Parking Lot
	Thursday 28	8:30am	<i>Warning: Gale Force Demographic Wind Gusts Ahead!</i> Dr. James Johnson, Jr., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
9:30am		<i>Economic Impact of the Forest Products Industry in Western North Carolina</i> Nathan Ramsey, Land of Sky Economic Council	Lioncrest Ballroom
10:15am		Break in Exhibit Hall	Lioncrest Veranda
10:30am		<i>Global Opportunities for American Hardwoods</i> Tripp Pryor, American Hardwood Export Council	Lioncrest Ballroom
11:15am		<i>Forest Reliant Communities Guidebook</i> Alicia Cramer, U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities	Lioncrest Ballroom
12:00pm		Lunch	Lioncrest Veranda
1:00pm		Golf at Omni Grove Park Inn or Sporting Clays at Fowler Farms	Offsite
6:00pm		President's Reception	Lioncrest Veranda
7:00pm		Dinner and Awards Banquet	Deerpark North
8:00pm		Entertainment: <i>Balsam Range</i>	Deerpark North

CFE Credits - Participants are eligible for 7 hours of Category 1 CFE accreditation for attendance at this meeting.