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North Carolina Forestry Association

Sustainable Forestry Teachers Experience

Frequently Asked Questions

Registration Questions

How do I sign up?

If you are interested in participating in a Sustainable Forestry Teachers Experience, please apply at <https://www.ncforestry.org/teachers/sfi-sustainable-forestry-cee-experience-for-teachers/>

Who Should Apply?

Workshop is geared towards formal and non-formal STEM professionals with emphasis on 3rd-12th grade science teachers. High school teachers that lead topics aligned to Earth, Environmental, Biology and Agriculture will find our program most beneficial.

I have attended a workshop before, can I sign up for a new experience?

If you have attended a workshop in the past, upload additional documentation to your application. Documentation can be lesson plans you have created, photos of your activities and other materials that you have used from your previous experience so that we can review your application.

I have been waitlisted for a workshop, but would really like to attend.

If an experience is full, you will be placed on a waitlist. Individuals will be contacted in the order they are waitlisted.

If you have participated in two previous Sustainable Forestry Teachers Experiences, you will be waitlisted to the experience of your choice. Please provide needed documentation to your application and submit information to ajuliana@ncforestry.org. Should a spot become available, you will be contacted.

How can I pay for my registration fee?

Accepted Educators will need to pay a one-time registration fee of \$50. Payment is due two weeks after acceptance into the program and can be paid by check or credit card.

Do you have paper applications?

Yes. Email ajuliana@ncforestry.org for a copy.

Program Questions

What are participant's overnight accommodations?

Educators will be lodged at hotels in Southern Pines, New Bern or Asheville. *Participants share rooms with an educator that teaches similar grades and or subjects.* Individuals can request a roommate if they know a specific person has been accepted into the program.

How do participants travel?

Educators will be travelling to tour destinations by charter bus.



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Are meals provided?

All meals are provided for by the North Carolina Forestry Association and its sponsors. Special dietary restrictions will be accommodated for to the best of our ability.

How many CEU's and/Environmental Education credits can I earn?

Participants have the ability to earn CEU's and Environmental Education credit. On average, experiences can offer 30 contact hours or more. Individuals seeking Environmental Education credit will earn 6 hours of Criteria 1 and 10 hours of Criteria 3. Educators are responsible for submitting paperwork to their individual representatives.

Refunds

Final deadline for refunds is May 1, 2019.

What is our Day to Day Schedule?

Each experience offers a busy schedule; filled with site visits, Project Learning Tree workshop activities, networking opportunities and more. Tour days will be long and each full day will begin at 7:30 am with a briefing and the tour bus will leave the hotel at 8:00 am and not return until 4:00 pm. Classroom days will focused on learning the Project Learning Tree Curriculum and networking with professionals and educators. An agenda will be provided to you as we near the workshop dates.

What site visits should I expect to tour?

Participants will have the opportunity to tour many branches of the Forestry Industry. This includes Educational Forests, Paper Mills, Logging and Lumber Yards and the North Carolina State Forest Nursery. Participants should expect a fast-paced week, with extended moderate walking in wooded areas, some stair climbing, and walking on raised open catwalks in mills and production facilities.

All industry sites require closed toed and laced shoes (boots/sneakers,) long pants and a shirt with sleeves (no bare shoulders permitted.) We will provide personal protective gear (hard hats, vests, ear and eye protection) for all participants.

What if it rains?

The Sustainable Forestry Teachers Experience will be held rain or shine. Should a severe weather incident occur; the program coordinator will be in contact with our participants.

Weather Conditions

Participants should expect summer weather. When in the classroom, we will be in temperature-controlled conference rooms.

During field trips, mills are open to the elements. Participants should expect any of the following: high temperatures, sunny conditions, pop up rainstorms, humidity, and insects.

Materials Received

All participants will walk away from the experience equipped to teach sustainable forestry, natural resources, and environmental education topics in the "classroom." Educators receive curriculum guides, books, teaching tools and manipulatives, lesson plans and activities, and a whole lot of SWAG!