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Forestland Transfer Workshops Help Sustain Virginia's Woodlands

Virginia's forestland is a valuable asset to society, providing clean air and water, wildlife habitat, recreation opportunities and renewable wood resources for all Virginians. Because almost two-thirds of Virginia's woods are owned by private individuals, the decisions they make for their land can have far reaching impacts on the sustainability of Virginia's forests.

One of the biggest challenges that Virginia's landowners face is how to pass the family forest on to the next generation. Landowners often want to preserve their family lands but don't know how to get started, what their options are, or how to engage the future owners in ownership and management activities. If these issues concern you, an upcoming workshop may be able to answer some of your questions.

"Focusing on Forest Land Transfer to Generation 'NEXT'" is being offered at six locations throughout Virginia in July and August. Two 2-day workshops in Abingdon and Lynchburg and four half-day mini-workshops in Alberta, Halifax, Farmville and Surry are planned. The workshops focus on intergenerational land transfer and will educate landowners on their options for keeping land intact, in forest and in the family. Speakers include legal and financial experts in estate planning, natural resource professionals and experienced landowners. Attendees will learn about the estate planning process, effective planning tools and family communication strategies, and will be provided resources to help minimize tax burdens and ensure continued management of their land.

The upcoming programs are co-sponsored by Virginia Cooperative Extension and the Virginia Department of Forestry. Registration information and contact information for the programs can be found at: <https://ext.vt.edu/natural-resources/legacy-planning/training.html>

---- Calendar Listings ----

Two-Day Family Forestland Shortcourse: Focusing on Land Transfer to Generation “NEXT”

July 19th from 12:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M. and July 20th from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Abingdon, VA (SW Virginia Higher Education Center)

Registration: \$50.00/individual or for 2 people from the same family; \$25 for each additional family member

Contact: Jennifer Gagnon; 540-231-6391 or jgagnon@vt.edu

Two-Day Family Forestland Shortcourse: Focusing on Land Transfer to Generation “NEXT”

July 27th from 5:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. and July 28th from 8:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

Lynchburg, VA (Liberty University Mountain Conference Center)

Registration: \$70.00/individual or for 2 people from the same family; \$35 for each additional family member

Contact: Jason Fisher; 434-476-2147 x3389 or jasonf@vt.edu

Half-Day Family Forestland Mini-workshop: Generation NEXT – Focusing on Families and their Woods

July 24th from 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Alberta, VA (Southside VA Community College)

Registration: \$10.00/individual; \$5 for each additional family member

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Half- Day Family Forestland Mini-workshop: Generation NEXT – Focusing on Families and their Woods

August 2nd from 2:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Halifax, VA (Wedgwood Golf Course)

Registration: \$10.00/individual; \$5 for each additional family member

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Half- Day Family Forestland Mini-workshop: Generation NEXT – Focusing on Families and their Woods

August 9th from 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Farmville, VA (Prince Edward Co. Extension Office)

Registration: \$10.00/individual; \$5 for each additional family member

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Half-Day Family Forestland Mini-workshop: Generation NEXT – Focusing on Families and their Woods

August 21st from 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Surry, VA (Surry Co. Extension Office)

Registration: \$10.00/individual; \$5 for each additional family member

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