

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY

JULY 21

7:00 AM ● **Exhibitor Move-In and Silent Auction Set-Up**
4:00 PM JICC | Pre-Function and Ballrooms D, F, H

7:30 AM ● **Golf Tournament**
1:30 PM Jekyll Island Golf Club | Pine Lakes | 322 Captain Wylly Road

9:00 AM ● **Registration & GFA Information Booth Open**
7:30 PM JICC | Pre-Function

2:30 PM ● **Board of Directors Session**
3:30 PM Westin Jekyll Island | Cumberland Room



GUEST SPEAKER

U.S. Representative Buddy Carter
Georgia's 1st Congressional District

2:30 PM ● **Emerging Leaders Meeting**
3:30 PM JICC | Meeting Room 8



HOW TO LEAD WITHOUT A ROADMAP

Brian Stone
Forest Resource Consultants

3:30 PM ● **Annual Business Session**
4:30 PM Westin Jekyll Island | Cumberland Ballroom



GUEST SPEAKER

U.S. Representative Bruce Westerman
Arkansas' 4th Congressional District

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5:30 PM ● Forest Kids Interactive Area Open

7:30 PM JICC | Meeting Room 7 & 8

Don't miss out on the fun! Interactive archery, papermaking and skin/skulls displays will be available while the exhibit hall is open.

6:00 PM ● Welcome Reception

7:30 PM JICC | Ballrooms D, F, H

Join us for the launch of the 2017 conference at the premiere of the exhibits and silent auction. Mingle with exhibitors and other attendees. Hors d'oeuvres and cocktails will be served.

7:30 AM ● Your Choice Evening

UNTIL

SATURDAY JULY 22

6:45 AM ● Registration & GFA Informational Booth Open

12:30 PM JICC | Pre-Function

6:45 AM ● Breakfast

7:45 AM JICC | Ballroom C, E, G

7:45 AM ● Transition from Breakfast to Opening Ceremony

8:00 AM

8:00 AM ● Opening Ceremony

8:15 AM JICC | Ballroom A

CALL TO ORDER

Andres Villegas

Georgia Forestry Association

PRESENTATION OF COLORS

Georgia State Patrol Honor Guard

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND NATIONAL ANTHEM

Veterans, Children and Attendees

WELCOMING REMARKS

Aaron Hemmer

Title Sponsor, Farm Credit Associations of Georgia

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8:15 AM
9:00 AM

General Session 1: Georgia Forestry Exports

JICC | Ballroom A | 0.75 CE Credits

Moderator: Aaron Hemmer, Farm Credit Associations of Georgia



THE TERMINAL VIEW: WOOD PELLETS, CHIP AND LOG EXPORTS

Frank Peeples

Peeples Industries



GEORGIA WOOD PRODUCTS EXPORTS AND THE SAVANNAH PORT EXPANSION

Cliff Pyron

Georgia Ports Authority

9:00 AM
9:45 AM

General Session 2: Keynote

JICC | Ballroom A | 0.75 CE Credits

Moderator: Gary Capes, International Paper



PERSPECTIVE ON THE FUTURE OF PULP AND PAPER

Lee Alexander

International Paper

9:00 AM
12:00 PM

Spouse and Children Activity: Truth Be Told Art Party

JICC | Meeting Room 8

9:45 AM
10:00 AM

Break

Refreshments Available in Exhibit Hall

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CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

Attendees of the Annual Conference can qualify for a total of 6 Continuing Forestry Education and Continuing Logger Education Credits certified by the Society of American Foresters and the Georgia Master Timber Harvester Program.

Visit the GFA Information Booth for More Information!

10:00 AM
11:30 AM

General Session 3: Forest Markets & Policy

JICC | Ballroom A | 1.5 CE Credits

Moderator: Bob Izlar, Harley Langdale, Jr. Center for Forest Business, UGA



POLICY DRIVERS THAT IMPACT FOREST PRODUCT MARKETS

Brooks Mendell

Forisk Consulting



THE CANADIAN LUMBER AGREEMENT

Hal Storey

S.I. Storey Lumber Company

U.S. Lumber Coalition



THE IMPACT OF GEORGIA'S TAX ENVIRONMENT ON FORESTS

Andres Villegas

Georgia Forestry Association

11:30 AM
11:45 AM

Transition from General Session 3 to Awards Lunch

11:45 AM
1:15 PM

Awards Luncheon

JICC | Ballroom E, G

1:30 PM
2:15 PM

Breakout Session 1

0.75 CE Credit

Moderator: Jason Little, Forest Resource Consultants



THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF FORESTRY IN GEORGIA

Risher Willard

Georgia Forestry Commission

JICC | Ballroom A



GEORGIA'S FOREST HEALTH CHECKUP

Chip Bates

Georgia Forestry Commission

JICC | Meeting Room 9/10

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2:15 PM ●
3:00 PM

Breakout Session 1

Moderator: Garrett Mack, Forest Investment Associates
0.75 CE Credit



THE PRESENT & FUTURE: DRONE TECHNOLOGY USE IN FORESTRY

Darian Yawn

Landmark Spatial Solutions
JICC | Ballroom A



A FORESTRY SEA CHANGE: SEEDLING TECHNOLOGY

John Pait

ArborGen
JICC | Meeting Room 9/10

3:00 PM ●
3:30 PM

Break

Refreshments Available in Exhibit Hall

3:30 PM ●
5:00 PM

General Session 4: The New Georgia Forestry Foundation

JICC | Ballroom A | 1.5 CE Credits
Moderator: Chuck Leavell, Singer/Songwriter & Tree Farmer



ADDRESSING THE LONG-TERM STRENGTH AND SUPPORT FOR FORESTRY IN GEORGIA

Ember Bentley

Georgia Forestry Foundation



FOREST LITERACY OUTREACH PROGRAMMING IN SCHOOLS

Erin Hames

ReformED



COMMUNICATING WITH ALL GEORGIANS

Megan Frame

Georgia Forestry Foundation



POLICY STUDIES AND WORKING FORESTS

Andres Villegas

Georgia Forestry Association

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5:30 PM ● Registration and GFA Information Booth Open

7:30 PM

JICC | Prefunction Area

5:30 PM ● Forest Kid's Interactive Area Open

9:30 PM

JICC | Meeting Room 7 & 8

6:00 PM ● Finale Reception/Silent Auction

7:00 PM

JICC | Ballrooms D, F, H

Place your final bids in the Silent and Live Auctions benefitting the Georgia Forestry Foundation!

7:15 PM ● Live Auction/Dinner/GFA Award Presentation

9:30 PM

JICC | Ballrooms E, G

7:15 PM ● Forest Kid's Dinner and Activities

9:30 PM

JICC | Meeting Room 7 & 8

While parents are enjoying the GFA dinner and live auction, The Forest Kid's dinner program will be offered. Along with a child-friendly meal, there will be a special presentation by Smokey Bear.

9:30 PM ● Pick-Up of Auction Items

10:30 PM

JICC | Ballrooms D, F, H

SUNDAY

JULY 23

8:00 AM ● Prayer Breakfast

9:15 AM

JICC | Ballroom G

MUSIC BY

The Heartwood String Band

THE MESSAGE

Dan Roach

8:00 AM ● Breakdown of Exhibit Hall and Pick-Up of Auction Items

10:30 AM

JICC | Ballrooms D, F, H

● Travel Home