



Longleaf and the Landowner

A three-day academy providing historically underserved landowners with presentations and field sessions focused on the cultural and practical aspects of sustainable longleaf pine management and how decisions you make today can impact you in the future.



What You'll Learn



History of Land Ownership in the South and Addressing Heirs' Property



Getting Started with Cost-Share and Business Planning



Longleaf Site Selection, Preparation, and Burning Practices



Navigating Barriers to Building Generational Wealth

Interested in attending?

This academy, which targets disadvantaged individuals, will be held **February 26-28, 2025** from **9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.** in **Andalusia, Alabama.**

Register as a landowner or a professional. Costs may vary. Landowner registration and lodging waivers are available. **More information here:**

If accommodations are needed, please contact **Karen Brown** at **(803) 607-5466** up to 48 hours prior to the event.

<https://longleaf.info/LandownerAcademy>



Natural Resources Conservation Service
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



Longleaf Academy: Longleaf & the Landowner

February 26-28, 2025

Blue Lake Camp and Retreat Center | Andalusia, Alabama

Agenda

All times Central

Wednesday February 26, 2025

9:00 am - 9:30 am	<i>Classroom opens, coffee and refreshments</i>
9:30 am – 10:00 am	Welcome and Introductions
10:00 am – 10:50 am	Cultural History of Land Ownership in the South – Jamelle Ellis, Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership
10:50 am – 11:10 am	Break
11:10 am – 12:00 pm	Gaps & Opportunities: African American Land Loss and Sustainable Forestry – Amadou Diop, US Forest Service
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	LUNCH
1:00 pm – 1:50 pm	Working with a Forestry Professional – Alex Harvey, Legacy Land Management
1:50 pm – 2:50 pm	Addressing Heirs Property to Grow Generational Wealth – Katie Keown, JD, LLM, Auburn University
2:50 pm – 3:20 pm	Break
3:20 pm – 4:00 pm	Creating Your Family Forest Legacy – Alex Harvey, Legacy Land Management
4:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Landowner Perspective - Nathaniel Blount, NWF Mentor
4:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Wrap up and adjourn for the day
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	<i>Dinner for overnight guests</i>

Thursday, February 27, 2025

<i>Time TBD</i>	<i>Breakfast for overnight guests</i>
8:00 am - 8:30 am	<i>Classroom opens, coffee and refreshments</i>
8:30 am – 8:40 am	Welcome and Q&A
8:40 am – 9:10 am	Longleaf: The Tree, A Natural History – Karen Brown, TLA
9:10 am – 10:00 am	Markets for Your Timber and Forest Products –Tim Albritton, Alabama Cooperative Extension Services
10:00 am – 10:20 am	Break
10:20 am – 10:50 am	Longleaf Site Selection & Site Preparation – Ad Platt, TLA
10:50 am – 11:20 am	Burning Longleaf: The Pine that Fire Built - Karen Brown, TLA
11:20 am –12:00 pm	Carbon Markets for Alabama Landowners –Dana Stone, Alabama Forestry Commission
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	LUNCH

FIELD TOUR

1:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Travel to Site #1: Blount Farm
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	Blount Farm: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• hand-cleared loblolly,• young longleaf and 1-year old longleaf,• recent winter burning• sources for assistance• landowner mentorship opportunities
2:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Travel to Site #2: Dixon Center
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Dixon Center <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ongoing forestry operations,• multi-age and mixed pine stand management• local markets and logger relations• Prescribed Fire Associations - Tall Timbers
4:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Travel back to classroom

4:30 pm – 5:00 pm Return to Blue Lake; Adjourn for the day

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm *Dinner for overnight guests*

Friday, February 28, 2025

TBD Breakfast for overnight guests

8:00 am - 8:30 am Classroom opens, coffee and refreshments

8:30 am – 9:30 am Getting Started with Cost-Share
- Farm Service Agency & NRCS

9:30 am -10:20 am Opportunities in Agro-business and Tourism
- Ajoa Brothers, Auburn University

10:20 am – 10:40 am Break

10:40 am – 11:10 am Alabama Forestry Commission Resources - Chris Cotton, AFC

11:10 am – 11:50 am Sustainable forestry practices, land stewardship, and
community empowerment – Deron Lacey, Limited Resource
Landowner Education and Assistance Network (LRLEAN)

11:50 am – 12:00 pm Closing remarks; Academy adjourns

Travel home safely!