



LONGLEAF ACADEMY

Longleaf for the Landowner

A course designed especially for beginning landowners, and anyone who is ready to take a more active role in the management and ownership of their land.



What You'll Learn



Getting Started with Cost-Share and Business Planning



Longleaf Pine and Sustainable Forest Management Practices



Heirs' Property Education, Wills and Title Concerns



Tools for Building Generational Wealth with Your Land

Where:

Blue Lake Retreat Center
Andalusia, Alabama

When:

February 25-27, 2026

Free for landowners!
Professional rate available.



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Longleaf Academy: Longleaf for the Landowner

February 25-27, 2026

Oakwood Building
Blue Lake Retreat Center
8500 Oakwood Ln, Andalusia, AL 36420

Agenda

All times are Central

Wednesday February 25, 2026

1:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Welcome and Introductions
1:30 pm – 2:20 pm	Creating Your Family Forest Legacy – <i>Alex Harvey, Legacy Land Management</i>
2:20 pm – 3:00 pm	Working with a Forestry Professional – <i>Alex Harvey, Legacy Land Management</i>
3:00 pm – 3:20 pm	Break
3:20 pm – 3:50 pm	Longleaf for the Landowner – <i>Karen Brown, The Longleaf Alliance</i>
3:50 pm – 4:20 pm	Longleaf Site Selection and Preparation – <i>Ad Platt, The Longleaf Alliance</i>
4:20 pm – 5:00 pm	Longleaf and Fire – <i>Karen Brown, The Longleaf Alliance</i>

Thursday February 26, 2026

7:30 – 8:30	Breakfast available
8:30 – 9:00	Classroom open
9:00 – 9:50	Markets for Your Timber and Forest Products – <i>Tim Albritton, ACES Forester with NRCS, and Field Representative with Complete Forestry, and Bradley Murphy Trust</i>
9:50 – 10:10	BREAK
10:10-11:00	Alabama Heirs Property Alliance and Opportunities in Agro-Business and Tourism for Landowners – <i>Ajoa Brothers, Auburn University</i>

11:00 am – 11:50 am	Emerging Market Opportunities for Alabama Landowners <i>-Dana Stone, Alabama Forestry Commission</i>
11:50-12:00	Briefing for field tour
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	LUNCH at dining hall
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	FIELD TOUR
5:00 pm	Return to Blue Lake, dismiss for the day

Friday, February 27, 2026

9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Classroom talks
7:30 – 8:30	Breakfast available
8:30 – 9:00	Classroom open
9:00 – 9:30	Getting Started with Cost-Share <i>-USDA FSA & NRCS</i>
9:30 – 10:20	Understanding Heirs Property <i>-James Rich, Legal Services of Alabama</i>
10:20 – 10:40	BREAK
10:40 – 11:30	Estate Planning to Grow Generational Wealth <i>-James Rich, Legal Services of Alabama</i>
11:30 – 12:00	Closing remarks Academy adjourns Travel home safely!
LUNCH available to-go from dining hall	