



# 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.



[www.longleafalliance.org/events](http://www.longleafalliance.org/events)

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## **Agenda**

***All times are Central***

### **Wednesday February 25, 2026**

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| 1:00 pm – 1:30 pm        | Welcome and Introductions  |
| 1:30 pm – 2:20 pm        | Creating Your Family Forest Legacy<br><i>– Alex Harvey, Legacy Land Management</i>   |
| 2:20 pm – 3:00 pm        | Working with a Forestry Professional<br><i>– Alex Harvey, Legacy Land Management</i> |
| <b>3:00 pm – 3:20 pm</b> | <b>Break</b>   |
| 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<br><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**

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| 8:30 – 9:00         | Classroom open   |
| 9:00 – 9:50         | Markets for Your Timber and Forest Products<br><i>–Tim Albritton, ACES Forester with NRCS, and Field Representative with Complete Forestry, and Bradley Murphy Trust</i> |
| <b>9:50 – 10:10</b> | <b>BREAK</b>   |
| 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<br><i>–Dana Stone, Alabama Forestry Commission</i>  |
| 11:50-12:00         | Briefing for field tour  |

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**12:00 pm – 1:00 pm**

**LUNCH at dining hall**

**1:00 pm – 5:00 pm**

**FIELD TOUR**

1:00 – 1:20

Travel from Blue Lake to Blount Farm

1:20 – 2:20

Stop #1

- Family lessons on land retention - Nathaniel Blount, Landowner
- Treaded cogon grass area - invasive species awareness and assistance available
- Gopher tortoise area – wildlife habitat considerations in management

2:20 – 2:30

Travel to next stop on property

2:30 – 3:10

Stop #2

- Longleaf establishment practices
- Prescribed burning considerations for young longleaf pine

3:10 – 3:40

Load up and travel to Dixon Center

3:40 – 4:10

Stop #1 Porter Road stops

- Dixon Center introduction and approach to longleaf management
- Natural regeneration in clearcut with reserves area

Stop #2

- Hardwood encroachment in take-out rows – is fire alone being effective? or time to add herbicide to management?

4:10 – 4:20

Travel to next stop on property

4:20 - 4:40

Stop #3 Entrance road

- Mixed pine with gaps for longleaf establishment

4:40 – 5:00

Travel back to Blue Lake

5:00

Arrive at Blue Lake and dismiss for day

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## **Friday, February 27, 2026**

- 8:30 – 9:00 Classroom open
- 9:00 – 9:30 Getting Started with Cost-Share  
*- USDA FSA & NRCS representatives*
- 9:30 – 10:20 Understanding Heirs Property  
*-James Rich, Legal Services of Alabama*
- 10:20 – 10:40 BREAK**
- 10:40 – 11:30 Estate Planning to Grow Generational Wealth  
*-James Rich, Legal Services of Alabama*
- 11:30 – 12:00 Q&A and Closing remarks  
Academy adjourns  
Travel home safely!
- LUNCH available to-go from dining hall**