

# Longleaf Academy: Groundcover Restoration G201

June 2-4, 2026

Airfield Conference Center  
Wakefield, VA

## Agenda

### Tuesday June 2

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| 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm       | Lunch provided at dining hall   |
| 1:00 pm – 1:30 pm        | Welcome from The Longleaf Alliance <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Academy Course Overview</li><li>• Introductions, Objectives, and Goals</li></ul> |
| 1:30 pm – 2:00 pm        | LCOV Program Spotlight: Virginia Groundcover Restoration Action Plan – Brian van Eerden, Andi Clinton, Lesley Starke, Rebecca Wilson                        |
| 2:00 pm – 2:50 pm        | Lecture: Determining Restoration Needs<br><i>– Joan Walker, US Forest Service (Retired)</i>   |
| <b>2:50 pm – 3:10 pm</b> | <b>Break</b>  |
| 3:10 pm – 4:00 pm        | Longleaf Pine Communities <i>– Carol Denhof, The Longleaf Alliance</i>  |
| 4:00 pm – 4:50 pm        | Lecture: Seed Sources for Longleaf Ecosystem Restoration<br><i>– Joan Walker, USFS (Ret.)</i>   |
| 4:50 pm – 5:00 pm        | Q & A and wrap-up   |

### Wednesday June 3

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| 8:00 am - 8:30 am                          | Classroom open, coffee and refreshments  |
| 8:30 am – 9:00 am                          | LCOV Groundcover Team – Discussion Exercise  |
| 9:00 am – 12:00 pm<br><i>(with breaks)</i> | Native Seed Production & Establishment<br><i>– Mark Fiely, Ernst Conservation Seeds</i>  |
| <b>12:00 pm – 1:00 pm</b>                  | <b>Lunch provided</b>  |
| 1:00 pm – 1:45 pm                          | Management and Monitoring of Groundcover<br><i>– Carol Denhof, The Longleaf Alliance</i> |
| 1:45 pm – 2:00 pm                          | Longleaf Conference Update – Sarah Crate, The Longleaf Alliance                          |

**2:00 pm – 5:00 pm                      Field Tours (vehicle transportation provided)**

2:00 – 2:30	Travel 4-H to Piney Grove
2:30 – 3:30	<u>Piney Grove Preserve</u> Site history and management objectives; Canopy dynamics and groundcover response; Vegetation monitoring plots & plant ID
3:30 – 3:45	Travel Piney Grove to Flippo-Gentry
3:45 – 4:30	<u>Flippo-Gentry WMA</u> Site history and management objectives; Fire intensity and groundcover response; Longleaf establishment
4:30 – 4:45	Travel Flippo-Gentry to 4H
4:45 – 5:00	Return to classroom and dismiss for day

**Thursday, June 4**



**\*\* Meet at [Raccoon Creek Pinelands, Stokes Rd. Yale, VA](#) \*\***  
**Approximately 35 minutes from Airfield 4H Conference Center**  
*36°50'01.6"N 77°19'19.9"W*

<b>8:30 – 9:00</b>	<b>Welcome at Raccoon Creek Pinelands Pavillion</b> – Bill Owen, landowner
9:00 – 9:15	Travel to Stop #1 (vehicle transportation provided)
9:15 – 9:45	<b>Seed Orchard</b> , native understory establishment – Andi Clinton
9:45 – 10:00	Travel to Stop #2
10:00 – 10:45	<b>Rawlings tract</b> , and tower site – Brian van Eerden, Bill Owen
10:45 – 11:00	Travel to Stop #3/Pavillion
11:00 – 11:30	<b>Underplanting</b> – Bill Owen, Joan Walker, Brian van Eerden, Carol Denhof
11:30– 12:00	Close out with next steps for LCOV Groundcover Action Plan
<b>12:00 – 1:00</b>	<b>Lunch provided at RCP Pavillion</b>
	<b>Academy adjourns – Travel home safely!</b>