

Lexington, Kentucky - Embassy Suites

*One Team - One Goal*

Kentucky Forest Industries Association  
**58th Annual Meeting**

**ONE TEAM.  
GOAL.**

**2023 ANNUAL MEETING  
REGISTRATION**

**Tuesday, March 28 -  
Thursday, March 30, 2023**





# KFIA Annual Meeting

## One Team - One Goal

### Summary of Events

Please join us at the 58th Annual Meeting of the Kentucky Forest Industries Association, (KFIA), which will be held at the Embassy Suites in Lexington, Kentucky on March 28, 29 and 30, 2023. The theme of the meeting will be **One Team - One Goal**. The recent years have been challenging and KFIA continues to work with many partners to address our issues. On the agenda will be Kentucky Fish & Wildlife discussing endangered species and timber sales opportunities. Additional speakers will discuss Railroad Tie Markets, Health Insurance and the new Kentucky Forestry Works Program designed to get young people more interested in working in the wood products industry. This meeting will feature a number of activities including a "Welcome Reception" for early arrivals and a golf outing on Tuesday. Wednesday and Thursday mornings will include speakers on topics of importance to the industry. In addition, to the expert speakers in each field, the program is full of activities and provides excellent opportunities for networking and meeting with exhibitors.



The meeting will kick off **Tuesday, March 28** with the **John C. Smith Memorial Golf Scramble** scheduled at the **Houston Oaks Golf Course**. The golf outing is a fun event that everyone enjoys and all golfers regardless of abilities are invited to play. We will be glad to add you to a team or you can put together your own foursome. An evening Welcome Reception in the exhibit area will wrap up a busy day for those that want to get together for some fellowship and find out who came out on top in the golf scramble. The KFIA Board of Directors will be meeting for a quarterly Board meeting on Tuesday afternoon to discuss KFIA business and the results of the 2023 Legislative Session.



**Wednesday, March 29** the exhibit area will be open all day for networking. The **Opening Session** will have speakers discussing legislative updates, Real American Hardwood Promotion and endangered species and timber sales opportunities with KY Fish & Wildlife. The KFIA Business Meeting will be held in conjunction with the **KFIA/KY Tree Farm Awards Luncheon** where the new officers will be elected and outstanding individuals will be recognized for their achievements in the forest industry community. The Kentucky Tree Farmer and Logger of the Year will be honored with awards for their accomplishments to support forestry and the wood industry.



Following lunch the **SFI/SIC Committee** meeting will have an open discussion on certification issues and funding of current projects by SFI members. The afternoon will start kicking up with free time for attendees to visit the always popular **Robinson Lumber Company & Houchens Insurance**

**Group Hospitality Suite** where fresh seafood from Louisiana and cocktails will be served which makes for some great networking opportunities for all attendees. The evening will wrap up with a reception in the Exhibit Hall with plenty of time to talk with a large number of vendors at the exhibitor reception.



**On Thursday, March 30** the last day of the meeting begins with the morning **General Session** that will cover tie markets, health insurance for business and the new Kentucky Forestry Works Program.

We look forward to bringing the industry together to provide you with the information and contacts to make your business flourish and grow in 2023. Please feel free to contact the KFIA office at 502-695-3979 with any questions or needs you have related to attending or exhibiting at the Annual Meeting.

# 2023 Meeting Agenda

Subject to Change

## **Tuesday, March 28**

9:00 a.m.....**On Site Registration Begins & Exhibitor Set-up**

9:30 a.m.....**John C. Smith Memorial Golf Scramble Registration**

10:00 a.m.....**Golf Scramble Tee off** – Houston Oaks Golf Course, Paris, KY

3:00 p.m.....**KFIA Board of Directors Meeting**

6:00 p.m .....**Welcome Reception**

Join our Exhibitors as we kick off the meeting with plenty of good food and drinks and learn the Golf Scramble Results in the Exhibit Area.



## **Wednesday, March 29**

7:00 a.m.....**Fellowship for Christian Lumbermen's Prayer Meeting**

7:30 a.m.....**Registration & Breakfast in the Exhibit Area**

9:00 a.m.....**Opening Session- Welcome** – KFIA President George Crawford, Merrick Hardwoods

9:15 a.m.....**State Legislative and Programs Update - Bob Bauer, KFIA Executive Director**

Update on the recent Kentucky Legislative 30 day session which will address budget and issues related to the forest products industry. Also KFIA has been involved with a number of programs from flood relief to the national white oak initiative that are having a positive effect on the industry.

9:30 a.m.....**National Legislative Update/Hardwood Promotion - Dana Cole, Hardwood Federation**

A lot has happened in Washington DC over the past year from a wide range of government funded projects to a change in leadership in the House of Representatives which brings about changing times. Also there is a lot excitement being generated by the Hardwood Promotion as it begins to make a true impact on improving hardwood markets.

10:00 a.m..... **Kentucky Farm Bureau**

The Farm Bureau in Kentucky is a key partner in our success in maintaining reasonable regulations and reaching out to the farmer who supplies much of the log supply in the state. We have seen our relationship improve through time and work together on programs and affect legislation that threatens the industry.

10:30 a.m.....**Kentucky Fish & Wildlife – Zak Danks & Josh Frazier**

The recent announcement of the Northern Long Eared bat being named a federal endangered species will affect timber harvesting and our partners at KY Fish & Wildlife will discuss what to be aware of to care for the bat while harvesting timber. Also a number of wildlife management areas in Kentucky are offering timber for sale and they are always looking for potential bidders and learn how good the upcoming turkey season may be from the experts.

11:30 a.m.....**KFIA/KY Tree Farm Awards Luncheon**

KFIA Business Meeting - Election of Officers & Awards Presentation

There will be presentations for the newly elected KFIA officers and outstanding individuals will be recognized for their achievements in the forest industry community.



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2:00 p.m.....**SFI/SIC Committee Meeting** – Open to Everyone  
Main topic: SFI Projects and Certification Update



2:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m..... **Robinson Lumber Company /  
Houchens Insurance Group Hospitality Suite**

Everyone is welcome to stop by the and visit with Robinson Lumber and Houchens Insurance Group (formerly Van Meter Insurance) and enjoy some fresh crawfish and shrimp straight from New Orleans and have a cold drink.



5:30 p.m.....**Exhibitors Reception in the Exhibit Area**

Join our Exhibitors for plenty of good food and drinks and learn about the many services available to the wood industry and don't forget to bid on your favorite Tree Farm silent auction items.

## **Thursday, March 30**

8:00 a.m.....**Registration & Continental Breakfast**

9:00 a.m.....**Welcome – General Session**

9:15 a.m.....**RTA: keeping wood tie markets strong and sustainable since 1919 - Railway Tie Association - Nate Irby, Executive**

Railroad ties make up a large portion of hardwood markets and are extremely important to the wood products economy in Kentucky. Tie production has an impact across a number of hardwood segments and the future markets and supply will depend on the railroad usage in the future.

10:00 a.m.....**Kentucky Forestry Works – Stephanie Fuller, Alabama Forestry Association**

KFIA is excited to become a partner in bringing Forestry Works to Kentucky. The program has proven very successful in Alabama in helping to educate young people about the employment opportunities related to wood products while addressing a major labor problem facing the industry.

10:45 a.m.....**Health Care Strategies for Small Business – Houchens Insurance Group**

The constantly increasing cost of health insurance has made it extremely difficult for small business to offer adequate coverage to meet employee needs. KFIA partner Houchens Insurance Group will discuss things that can be done to provide coverage and help control costs while increasing benefits to employees.

12:30 p.m.....Optional Tour: Kentucky Children's Hospital to see Kentucky Log a Load for Kids funded projects

### **MEETING SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

**\$1,000.00 - Speaker Session/Awards Luncheon - Wed, March 29 &  
Thursday, March 30**

**\$500.00 - Exhibitor Reception - Wednesday, March 29**

**\$350.00 - Welcome Reception - Tuesday, March 28**

**\$150.00 - Breakfast Sponsors - Wednesday, March 29 &  
Thursday, March 30**

These are multi - sponsor events and all sponsors will be recognized with signage, meeting program, KFIA website and other meeting materials. If you have any questions please contact the KFIA Office.



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# KENTUCKY FOREST INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION

## 2023 ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION INFORMATION

March 28-30, 2023 , Embassy Suites – Lexington, KY

### One Team - One Goal

CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_ COMPANY: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

NAMES OF THOSE ATTENDING: Name Tags and registration information will be prepared in advance for those who pre-register and can be picked up at the Registration Table.

\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Please list number of attendees attending each event so that we may have an accurate number for guarantees.**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Pre-Registration Rate:** \$195.00 per Member attendee @ \_\_\_\_\_ \$250.00 per Non-member@ \_\_\_\_\_  
\$100.00 per Spouse @ \_\_\_\_\_

**On-site Registration Rate:** \$250.00 per Member attendee@ \_\_\_\_\_ \$295.00 per Non-member@ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Number attending Awards Luncheon on March 29 at 11:30 a.m. for KFIA/KY Tree Farm award winners.  
(Included w/registration)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **One-day Rate:** \$125.00/person Date Attending: 3/28 \_\_\_\_\_ 3/29 \_\_\_\_\_ 3/30 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Optional Tour: Kentucky Children's Hospital to see KY Log a Load for Kids funded projects**

\_\_\_\_\_ **I would like to be a Sponsor for this meeting.** \_\_\_\_\_ \$1,000 General Session/Awards Luncheon  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$500 Exhibitor Reception \_\_\_\_\_ \$350 Welcome Reception \_\_\_\_\_ \$150 Morning Breakfasts

*Please fill out the information included (on the back of this sheet) if you are interested in playing in the Golf Scramble or becoming a hole sponsor.*

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total for John Smith Memorial Golf scramble registration/hole sponsorship (other side)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED.**

**Please make check payable or complete credit card information and return registration information to:**

Kentucky Forest Industries Association, 106 Progress Drive , Frankfort, KY 40601

Tel: 502/695-3979 Fax: 502/695-8343 e-mail: Michele@kfia.org

**CREDIT CARD INFORMATION** (a 3.0% convenience fee will be added to all credit transactions)

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ Type (circle one): V, MC, AE

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email for receipt: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ My company would like to provide an item for the **Tree Farm Silent Auction**. Items can be brought to the registration desk at the meeting or sent in advance to the office. All donations will be recognized.

\_\_\_\_\_ My company would like to provide a **door prize** that will be used for the meeting. Items can be brought to the registration desk at the meeting or sent to the office in advance. All donations will be recognized.





# JOHN C. SMITH MEMORIAL GOLF

## Tuesday, March 28, 2023

### Houston Oaks Golf Course - Paris, KY



**P**lan now to participate in the John C. Smith Memorial Golf Scramble to be held at the Houston Oaks Golf Course (555 Houston Oaks Drive, Paris, KY) on Tuesday, March 28. There is no better way to kick off the KFIA Annual Meeting than with a golf scramble. Please plan to arrive at 9:30 a.m. (EST) for registration and to get instructions and tee time will be at 10:00 a.m. Anyone with an interest in the game is invited to play regardless of skill level. Players have the option of being placed on a team or putting together a foursome. Efforts will be made to try to accommodate all requests and those wanting to play together. The scramble is open to all members, exhibitors and friends of KFIA. **The cost to play will be \$75 per person.** Registration will cover cash prizes for long drive, closest to the pin, and first and second place teams. Prizes will also be awarded for third place. Mulligans will be sold on site for extra shots.



**U-C Coatings is sponsoring a Golf Shootout** which will be made available to all golfers. A \$500 prize will be given away to the lucky winner.

Hole Sponsors are also being solicited for the event. Show your support of KFIA by becoming a sponsor for this event. All sponsors will be recognized at the golf outing, in the meeting program, in the *KFIA "Link" Newsletter*, and in any other materials related to the Annual Meeting and golf scramble.

**BEVERAGE CART SPONSORED BY:**  **MEADE**  
TRACTOR

#### JOHN C. SMITH MEMORIAL GOLF REGISTRATION

Houston Oaks Golf Course - Paris, KY - March 28, 2023 - **Golf fee- \$75 per person**

COMPANY: \_\_\_\_\_ CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY STATE ZIP

CONTACT EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**My company will bring \_\_\_\_\_ person(s) @ \$75 each.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Avg. Score/Handicap: \_\_\_\_\_

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We will try to accommodate those who would like to play together. Please indicate if you have a preference for partners: \_\_\_\_\_ We will play together as a team. \_\_\_\_\_ Please put us on separate teams.

\_\_\_\_\_ My company would like to be a hole sponsor for the Golf Scramble for \$100.00

**Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Please make check payable to Kentucky Forest Industries Association and return by March 15, 2023 or complete the credit card information below (a 3.0% convenience fee will be added to all credit transactions):**

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ Type (circle one): V, MC, AE

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

**Please fill out the registration form and return to: KFIA, 106 Progress Drive, Frankfort, KY 40601 by March 15, 2023, (502/695-3979 fax 502/695-8343) or email Michele@kfia.org.**



## Overnight Accommodations

We strongly encourage members to make your reservations as soon as possible. We have increased the number of rooms in our block for this year but reservations need to be made **by March 05, 2023 to obtain our convention rate of \$147.00 per night (includes parking)** in order to get in the room block for the meeting.

Visit [www.kfia.org](http://www.kfia.org) and click on the Annual meeting for the online room reservation link.

If making reservations by phone, be sure to mention the KFIA Annual Meeting. To make reservations by phone call 859/455-5000.

**Online Reservations Booking Link:** <https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=LEXES&groupCode=KFI&arrivaldate=2023-03-28&departuredate=2023-03-30&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK.EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

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## KFIA Membership

To receive the membership rate please make sure your dues are paid up to date. Companies who are non-members may attend by paying a non-member registration fee or paying one years membership to the association and receive the member registration fee. receptions, and awards luncheon.



Registration fee includes all meeting

## Online Meeting Registration

The recently updated KFIA website is taking online meeting registration if you are a member you will need to log in to get the member rate. Visit [www.kfia.org](http://www.kfia.org) and click on Upcoming Events for link access to the 2023 KFIA Annual Meeting.

## Exhibit Space

Exhibitor information has been sent out to potential exhibitors. If you prefer to attend and set up a booth to exhibit at the meeting a limited number of spaces are available on a first come first serve basis.

**KFIA Platinum and Gold Leaf Sponsoring Members are eligible for a complimentary booth space at the meeting.**

If you are interested in exhibiting or need additional information, please call the office at 502/695-3979 or visit [www.kfia.org](http://www.kfia.org) to request additional information.



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**DON'T FORGET TO DONATE TO THE 2023 KY TREE FARM SILENT AUCTION**  
**(AUCTION HELD DURING ANNUAL MEETING)**

Please donate an item or items for the Kentucky TREE FARM SILENT AUCTION. We are interested in a variety of items, i.e. home crafts, jams, quilts, paintings, items made from wood, decorative items, gift certificates, lamps, small furnishings, forestry, hunting items & trips, sport event tickets, or whatever you think would sell at the auction. Proceeds from the auction support the Tree Farm committee's projects to help private landowners in Kentucky.

Please bring item(s) donated with you to the Annual Meeting Registration Desk or mail them to the KFIA Office. **DO NOT FORGET TO INCLUDE WITH DONATED ITEM(S): DONOR NAME AND/OR COMPANY, DESCRIPTION OF DONATED ITEM(S) AND ITEM(S) VALUE.**

Mailing deadline for these items is March 15, 2023.

KY Tree Farm Program  
C/O Kentucky Forest Industries Association  
106 Progress Drive  
Frankfort, KY 40601

Any questions, please contact Michele Brewer, KFIA at 502/695-3979  
**THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!**



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