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Predicting the Pine Pollen

Have you been caught off guard again? It is that time of year when pine pollen begins to coat cars, sidewalks, outdoor furniture, and other surfaces. This yellow film of pollen is necessary for the production of pine seeds that grow to become pine trees. Without this pollen, pine trees could not reproduce to provide us the trees we depend on for the building of our homes and other daily uses of wood. In North Carolina, the pine pollen season is a reminder of the importance of the pine tree to our state. Check out [this article](#) to learn how to predict the peak of pine pollen season.



Photo: NPS

The Scourge of Southern Pine Forests

Our friends at the N.C. Forest Service have been posting a lot of information about the southern pine beetle, including from how to recognize a southern pine beetle infestation to how they monitor the population and make predictions on outbreaks for the year ahead. For more information, take a look at the [informational flier](#) from the Southern Group of State Foresters.



Photo: USDA Forest Service

Management by Objectives: Successful Forest Planning

You'll be more successful with your forest property if you manage it according to a clear plan. Whether you grow trees, tulips or turkeys, a management plan helps save time and money while increasing returns and enjoyment. Therefore, the clearer your destination (or objectives), the greater chance for success. Check out [this article](#) to learn more about how to manage by objectives.



Forest Land Enhancement Practices in North Carolina

The collective decisions of private forest landowners will have long-term impact on the diversity, health and productivity of the forest landscape. Concern is mounting about the future of our forests. Urbanization continues to eat away at the forest land base and is a major threat. Some changes are subtle, but it is important to manage forests in a sustainable way. Read [this article](#) to learn more about forest land enhancement practices and to find resources to help you get started.

Coming Events of Interest to Woodland Owners

April 2, 2019 (Tue), 1-2pm, Webinar - Timber Tax Filing for the 2018 Tax Year. Link to join the webinar: [click here](#). This webinar is designed to help the private forest landowners, foresters, loggers and timber businesses with their 2018 tax return filings and planning this one-hour webinar will discuss the timber-related income tax reporting rules, including the latest major new law changes affecting timber transactions. To join the webinar [click here](#).

April 6, 2019 (Sat), 9am-4pm, PLT School Yard Ecosystem Investigations (K-12). Location: Catawba College Center for the Environment, Salisbury, NC. Join other classroom and nonformal educators as we explore activities in the Project Learning Tree K-8 Curriculum Guide, as well as the secondary module, Places We Live. For more information visit our [web page](#) and the deadline to register is April 1, [to register click here](#). Questions? Call 704-637-4727 or email centerforenv@catawba.edu.

April 10 & 17, 2019 (W), 2-5pm, K-12 Project Learning Tree Workshop: Forest Focus. Location: Brevard College, Brevard, NC. Join other classroom and nonformal educators as we explore activities in the Project Learning Tree K-8 Curriculum Guide, as well as the secondary modules, Focus on Forests and Forests of the World. Both days are required, [to register click here](#), deadline to register is April 5. Questions? Contact [Jennifer Frick-Ruppert](#).

April 13, 2019 (Sat), 10am-3pm, Party for the Pine. Location: Weymouth Center For The Arts, Southern Pines, NC. Join the annual celebration for the oldest known living longleaf pine, learn how prescribed fire keeps the longleaf forest healthy, and appreciate the natural beauty of the Sandhills of North Carolina. For more information visit <http://www.partyforthepine.org/>.

April 17, 2019 (W), 9am-3:30pm, Project Learning Tree - Southeastern Forests and Climate Change. Location: Walnut Creek Wetland Park, Raleigh, NC. This workshop will cover the Southeastern Forests and Climate Change Secondary Module and the NEW Carbon & Climate E-Unit. Project Learning Tree® (PLT) and PINEMAP have partnered to develop a secondary module on climate change impacts on southern forest ecosystems, the role of forests in sequestering carbon, and strategies for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and adapting to changing climatic conditions. Deadline to [register](#) is April 11, contact [Stacie Hagwood](#) with questions.

April 18, 2019 (Th), 9am-4pm, Environmental Education for K-8 Educators: Project Learning Tree. Location: Turnbull Creek Educational State Forest, Elizabethtown, NC. Join other K-8 classroom and nonformal educators as we explore activities in the Project Learning Tree K-8 Curriculum Guide. This workshop qualifies for Criteria I in the EE Certification Program (K-8). Deadline to [register](#) is April 12, contact Turnbull Creek ESF at 910-588-4161.

April 26, 2019 (F), 4-H WHEP Registration Deadline. Today is the deadline to register your WHEP teams and individuals! Registrations need to be received by 5pm. Click here to [register](#), and contact [Renee Strnad](#) at 919-515-5518 with any questions.

Save the date! May 21 (Tue), May 30 (Th) & June 4 (Tue), Alternative Income Streams for Forest Landowners. May 21 Location: East Carolina Agricultural & Education Center Rocky Mount, NC, May 30 Location: Moore County Cooperative Extension Carthage, NC. June 4 Location: Iredell County Center Statesville, NC. This workshop educates natural resource professionals and landowners about forest-based alternative income streams available to their region. Visit our [web page](#) to learn more about these two events.

Save the date! (Th-F) July 18-19, 2019, Sustainable Forestry and Land Retention Project forest landowner conference. Location: Halifax Community College, Weldon, NC. Come out and learn more about estate planning strategies, available programs and receive technical assistance from the experts. For more information about this project and conference, visit the Roanoke Electric Cooperative [website](#).

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