

2024 Oregon Family Forest Convention

Keeping Family Forests Healthy



New and future forest owners welcome!

June 13, 14, 15, 2024

Boulder Falls Inn • Lebanon, Oregon

Early Bird Rates—RESERVE TODAY! oswa.org



- 4 Forest Field Tours
- 9 Educational Workshops
- New Publications
- Awards Luncheon
- Landowner Social
- Outstanding Oregon Tree Farmer of the Year Property Tour



Welcome!

Join us in beautiful Linn County at the Boulder Falls Inn for Oregon's premier gathering of forest landowners. New and future forest owners are welcome.

Your family, friends, neighbors, guests, and everyone interested in owning and managing small forestland properties are invited. Special tours, practical workshops, new educational materials, and social events with local experts and experienced property owners can help you achieve your goals and vision.

Saturday's tour of the Outstanding Oregon Tree Farmer of the Year at the Oak Basin Tree Farm near Brownsville includes transportation and lunch. This private tour is sure to offer ideas and inspiration.

This 3-day educational event is sponsored by the non-profit Oregon Small Woodlands Association (OSWA), the Oregon Tree Farm System (OTFS), and the Linn County Small Woodlands Association (LCSWA).

Additional support for the 2024 Oregon Family Forest Convention is provided by:

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Lodging

Best Western Boulder Falls Inn

505 Mullins Dr., Lebanon, OR 97355

<https://www.boulderfallsinn.com/>

Reservations 541-451-1000

Request OSWA TOUR 2024 rates:

Deluxe King or Double Queen \$165.99

Executive King Suite \$195.99



Campgrounds and additional lodging

options in nearby Albany

<https://albanyvisitors.com/stay/>

Forest Field Tours: Thursday, June 13 • 9am-3pm

*Transportation and box lunch provided.
Meet at Boulder Falls Inn parking lot.*

NORTH SANTIAM TOUR

We will visit the remarkable Freres Engineered Wood mass plywood panel manufacturing plant in Lyons. Freres has developed a range of unique plywood products which are pioneering new ground in mid-to-high rise construction and replacing steel and concrete. Safety gear provided. Industrial site with hard surfaces. **Some stairs. Sturdy shoes required.**

SOUTH SANTIAM TOUR

We will visit a Small Forestland Investment in Stream Habitat (SFISH) culvert replacement project and learn about process for applying for these

new grants. We will also see new Riparian Management Areas (RMA) and compare widths on small, medium, and non-fish streams. We will also see a cut-to-length thinning and salvage project in 18- and 28-year-old stands and inspect a 5-year-old reforestation project. We will also stop at Sunnyside Park to see a grove of young Willamette Valley Ponderosa Pine and the new historical kiosk featuring the pines and their revival in throughout Willamette Valley. Short walks. **Uneven surfaces. Dress for the weather.**

UPLAND PRAIRIE MANAGEMENT HIKING TOUR

This hiking tour will show restoration of upland prairie on Bureau of Land Management land and the adjacent

Oak Basin tree farm. This upland habitat supports Fender's Blue Butterfly and associated species. BLM botanist Jessica Celis and USFWS biologist Jerod Jebousek will lead the hike accompanied by landowner Jim Merzenich. **This is a three-mile hiking tour on rough trails with 1000' elevation gain. Sturdy shoes. Dress for the weather. Limited to 25 guests.**

WETLAND MANAGEMENT

We will learn how Lee Peterman and Shirley Jolliff are restoring wetland prairie for wildlife and native species, as well as improving wildfire resiliency across their 80-acre property. Short walks. **Uneven surfaces. Dress for the weather.**

Oregon Family Forest Day: Friday, June 14 • 8am-4pm

Boulder Falls Inn—Conference Center. Reservations required.

7:30 AM Registration open

8:00 AM Welcome & General Session
Keeping Family Forests Healthy

9:00 AM BREAK

9:30 AM Session 1 Workshops—
Select One:

- Improving Wildlife Habitat on Your Property
- Reducing Wildfire Risk for Your Home and Forest
- Forest Carbon—New Opportunities for Landowners

11:00 AM Luncheon and Awards

12:30 PM Session 2 Workshops—
Select One:

- Planning for Wildlife—Are You Ready?
- Tools and Tips for Preparing or Updating Your Management Plan
- Understanding Oregon's New Forest Protections Rules—Assistance Programs

2:00 PM BREAK

2:30 PM Session 3 Workshops—
Select One:

- Your Landowner Journey: What's on the Horizon?

• Wildfire Assistance—Where Can I Get Help?

• Understanding Oregon's New Forest Protections Rules—Water and Roads

4:00 PM BREAK

5:00-7:00 PM Landowner Social and Guest Speaker on the Patio (weather permitting)

Around the World Small Bites Table, Beverages, Cash Bar
Reservations required.

Oregon Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year Property Tour: Saturday, June 15 • 8am-2pm

Oak Basin Tree Farm near Brownsville, hosted by Jim and Ed Merzenich Family
Meet at the Boulder Falls Inn parking lot. Lunch and transportation provided. **Short walks, uneven surfaces. Dress for the weather. Reservations required.**

Video Tour Here: <https://www.otfs.org/tfoy>

Oak Basin tree farm is in the Coburg hills south of Brownsville. Elevations range from six hundred to over two thousand feet on 940 acres. Views of the Willamette Valley from the farm are spectacular.

The tree farm contains a mosaic of Douglas-fir, ponderosa pine, oak, and mesic hardwood stands interspersed with wet and dry prairie. The upland prairie is managed cooperatively with the BLM to provide habitat for the Fender's blue butterfly and associated rare species. Other acres are managed based on their capability to produce timber and provide habitat for wildlife. Oak Basin provides ref-

uge for oak dependent species such as white-breasted nuthatch and acorn woodpecker.

Their primary objective is to demonstrate that a sustainable flow of harvestable timber can be produced from a property also managed for native species protection. Habitat protection is best achieved by active management. They actively restore areas by mowing, spraying and manually removing invasive species, selective cattle grazing, and reestablishing native trees, grasses, and forbs. They strive to be an example that management can be ecologically sustainable while returning profits to the landowner.

On the tour guests will view and discuss 1) Douglas-fir and ponderosa pine stands that have been commercially and pre-commercially thinned



in the past five years, or are in need of thinning. 2) Methods used to reforest cutover units, while maintaining early-seral habitat for nesting songbirds and controlling noxious weeds. 3) The mechanical treatment of noxious weeds and brush. 4) Restored Oregon white oak stands and their value for wildlife. 5) Cattle grazing to both reduce wildfire risk and release native forbs. 6) The harvest and use of specialty products such as firewood, rustic broom handles, and essential oils, and other topics of interest.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 13

Forest Field Tours

9 AM - 3 PM

Box lunch and transportation provided. Reservations required

Joint Board of Directors Meeting

7 PM - 8:30 PM

Saint Edwards Catholic Church

FRIDAY, JUNE 14

**Oregon Family Forest Day
& Awards Luncheon**

8 AM - 4 PM

Reservations required

Landowner Social & Guest Speaker

5 PM - 7 PM

Boulder Falls Inn

Reservations required

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8 AM - 2 PM

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Hosted by the Jim and Ed

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REGISTRATION

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Name _____ Organization _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____



Group Discount for Oregon Family Forest Day June 14

With 2 regular registrations, \$35 for each additional person in your party. \$50 after May 1.

Oregon Family Forest Day

Friday, June 14, 8 AM - 4 PM

State awards luncheon included.

Early Bird Registration. Until May 1:

_____ @ \$69

Group discount rate. \$35 each after first 2:

_____ @ \$35

Late Registration. May 1- June 1:

_____ @ \$99

Group discount rate. \$50 each after first 2:

_____ @ \$50

Landowner Social & Guest Speaker

Friday, June 14, 5 PM - 7 PM

Small bite refreshments and beverages.

_____ @ \$35

Thursday Forest Field Tours

Thursday, June 13, 9 AM - 3 PM

Transportation and box lunch provided.

North Santiam Tour

_____ @ \$10

South Santiam Tour

_____ @ \$10

Upland Prairie Management Hiking Tour

_____ @ \$10

Wetland Management

_____ @ \$10

Tree Farmer of the Year Property Tour

Saturday, June 15, 8 AM - 2 PM

Transportation and box lunch provided.

_____ @ \$10

TOTAL

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