

Lexington, Kentucky - Hilton Lexington/Downtown

Kentucky Forest Industries Association

60th Annual Meeting

*It Starts with  
a Seed -  
Celebrating  
60 Years*



2025 MEETING  
REGISTRATION

Tuesday, April 1-  
Thursday, April 3, 2025





# KFIA Annual Meeting

## It Starts With a Seed - Celebrating 60 Years - Summary of Events

Please join us at the 60th Annual Meeting of the Kentucky Forest Industries Association (KFIA) which will be held at the Hilton Lexington/Downtown in Lexington, Kentucky on April 1, 2 & 3, 2025. The theme of the meeting will be **It Starts with a Seed - Celebrating 60 Years**. Our industry has been through some challenging and good times and through it all KFIA always continues to work with many partners to address the issues that are facing our members and the hardwood industry. KFIA has been a voice for our membership for 60 years and due to the continued support we will remain ready to assist when and where we are needed.

On the agenda for our 60th anniversary meeting will be updates on a wide range of initiatives that have been established to help with both workforce development and market promotion and a number of speakers discussing partnerships that will continue to help the hardwood industry. With a new administration at the national level we will also be discussing positive change and legislative action taking place at both the state and national level. The meeting will also 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.

On Wednesday a Luncheon and evening Exhibitor Reception will provide plenty of opportunities to meet attendees. The exhibit area will be open throughout the meeting with a number of activities in the area to allow exhibitors to meet with potential contacts.

The meeting will kick off Tuesday, April 1 with the John C. Smith Memorial Golf Scramble at the University Club Golf Course (4850 Leestown Rd, Lexington, KY). 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 2025 Legislative Session.

Wednesday, April 2 the exhibit area will be open all day for networking. The Opening Session will have speakers discussing legislative updates, Real American Hardwood Promotion along with a discussion of progress made by KFIA over the past 60 years and our many advancements in partnerships. 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, April 3 the last day of the meeting will start with the morning General Session that will discuss the KY Dept. of Agriculture partnership through the years, recruitment of workers to the industry, the new logging timber bridge program and research initiatives to improve Kentucky markets.

We look forward to bringing the industry together to provide you with the information and contacts to make your business flourish and grow in 2025. 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.

# 2025 Meeting Agenda

Subject to Change

## Tuesday, April 1

- 9:00 a.m.....**On Site Registration Begins & Exhibitor Set-up**
- 8:30 a.m.....**John C. Smith Memorial Golf Scramble Registration**
- 9:30 a.m.....**Golf Scramble Tee off** – University Club Golf Course
- 3:00 p.m.....**KFIA Board of Directors Meeting**
- 5:30 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, April 2

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

Update on the Kentucky Legislative Session which will address issues related to the forest products industry. Also KFIA has been involved with a number of programs that are starting to show results that will impact our industry.

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

A lot has happened in Washington DC over the past year and a new administration has taken over along with majority changes in the House and Senate which has created hope that positive change is on the horizon for the wood products industry. Also there is a lot of excitement being generated by the Hardwood Promotion as it is starting to make a true impact on improving hardwood markets.

- 10:15 a.m.....**Times Change - 60 Years of Progress with KFIA**

The wood products industry has made tremendous progress on many fronts through the leadership of KFIA and our many partnerships that have improved our industry for the better.

- 10:45 a.m.....**Partnerships to Improve Logging Which Are Made in Heaven**

Learn about a tremendous partnership that is truly making a difference in educating our logging force and supporting the sustainability of white oak for the future.

- 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.

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



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2:00 p.m. - 5:00 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 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, April 3**

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

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

9:15 a.m.....**Kentucky Dept. of Agriculture Partnership - Commissioner Johnathan Shell**

KFIA has had a long and improving relationship with the Kentucky Department of Agriculture over the years and our new Agriculture Commissioner plans to continue to work with our industry and to look at ways we can advance our partnership.

10:00 a.m.....**Improving Workforce and Educational Programs for the Wood Industry**

Learn about the recently completed videos to reach out to potential workers for the industry and how new funding will help with both promotion and industry education.

10:30 a.m.....**Research Initiatives to Improve Markets in Kentucky**

The University of Kentucky is moving forward on a number of funded projects that are designed to improve utilization and marketing of hardwoods to create new markets.

11:00 a.m.....**Timber Bridge Program to Support Logging in Kentucky**

The University of Kentucky has received funding to supply timber bridges to the logging industry in Kentucky and information will be presented on how the program will be implemented and made available.

11:30 a.m..... **Meeting Adjourns**

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### **MEETING SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

**\$1,000.00 - Speaker Sessions/Awards Luncheon - Wed, April 2 &  
April 3**

**\$500.00 - Exhibitor Reception - Wednesday, April 2**

**\$350.00 - Welcome Reception - Tuesday, April 1**

**\$150.00 - Breakfast Sponsors - Wednesday, April 2 &  
Thursday, April 3**

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.



# KENTUCKY FOREST INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION

## 2025 ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION INFORMATION

April 1-5, 2025 , Hilton Lexington/Downtown – Lexington, KY



### It Starts with a Seed - Celebrating 60 Years

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.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Pre-Registration Rate:** \$210.00 per Member attendee @ \_\_\_\_\_ \$275.00 per Non-member@ \_\_\_\_\_  
\$125.00 per Spouse @ \_\_\_\_\_

**On-site Registration Rate:** \$275.00 per Member attendee@ \_\_\_\_\_ \$300.00 per Non-member@ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Number attending Awards Luncheon on April 2 at 11:30 a.m. for KFIA/KY Tree Farm award winners.  
(Included w/registration)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **One-day Rate: \$150.00/person** Date Attending: 4/1 \_\_\_\_\_ 4/2 \_\_\_\_\_ 4/3 \_\_\_\_\_

**SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:** \_\_\_\_\_ \$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 page) 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, April 1, 2025

### University Club of Kentucky

**P**lan now to participate in the **John C. Smith Memorial Golf Scramble** to be held Tuesday, April 1 at the University Club of Kentucky Golf Course (4850 Leestown Rd, Lexington, KY). There is no better way to kick off the KFIA Annual Meeting than with a golf scramble. Please plan to arrive at 8:30 a.m. (EST) for registration and to get instructions and tee time will be at 9:00 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 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 \$80 per person.** Registration will cover cash prizes for first and second place teams, longest drive, and closest to the pin. Mulligans will be sold on site for extra shots.

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 and LUNCH SPONSORED BY:**



#### JOHN C. SMITH MEMORIAL GOLF REGISTRATION

April 1, 2025 - Golf fee- \$80 per person

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

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

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

**Hole Sponsor for the Golf Scramble for \$100.00 (minimum) \_\_\_\_\_**

**My company will bring \_\_\_\_\_ person(s) @ \$80 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.

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

**Please make check payable to Kentucky Forest Industries Association and return by March 15, 2025 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, 2025, (502/695-3979 fax 502/695-8343) or email Michele@kfia.org.**



## Overnight Accommodations

### Hilton Lexington/Downtown

369 West Vine St  
Lexington KY 40507

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 01, 2025 to obtain our convention rate of \$159.00 plus tax per night** 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 859/231-9000.

#### Online Reservations Booking Link:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/kfiaa2025annualmeeting/>

## 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, receive the member registration fee. Registration fee includes all meeting receptions, and awards luncheon.



## Online Meeting Registration

Visit [www.kfia.org](http://www.kfia.org) for online meeting registration. Members need to log in to get the member rate.

Click on Upcoming Events for link access to the 2025 KFIA Annual Meeting.

## Exhibit Space

Exhibitor information has been sent out to potential exhibitors. If you prefer 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.**

**Online Exhibit Registration is available.**

If you 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 2025 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, 2025.

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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