



**Jackson's Mill State 4-H Conference Center  
Weston, West Virginia  
July 20 – July 24, 2025**

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The National 4-H Forestry Invitational is the National Championship of 4-H Forestry. Since 1980, 4-H youth have traveled to the Forestry Invitational to meet, compete, and have fun. 4-H members participate in forestry skills and knowledge events including: tree identification, tree measurement, compass and pacing, topographic map reading, forest evaluation, insect and disease identification, forestry written examination, and forestry quiz bowl. Although competitive in nature, the Invitational is a wide-ranging forestry educational experience including educational presentations, a lumberjack skills event, and a college career fair. It provides an opportunity for exploration of the broad aspects of forestry. The setting, contests, leadership, and supplementary events are all designed to teach the importance of sustainable forest and natural resource management.

The Invitational is co-hosted by Virginia Cooperative Extension and West Virginia University Extension at Jackson's Mill State 4-H Camp and Conference Center near Weston, West Virginia. A national steering committee of Extension Forestry Specialists, Extension Agents, forest industry representatives, state forestry agency professionals and faculty from colleges and universities plan and conduct the Invitational.

The 2025 National 4-H Forestry Invitational Committee

Sunshine Brosi, Utah State University  
Linda Carnell, West Virginia Division of Forestry  
Todd Dailey, AGR Values LLC. of Florida  
Kevin Dodge, Garrett College  
Bill Hubbard, University of Maryland Extension  
Johnny King, West Virginia Division of Forestry  
Dave McGill, West Virginia University Extension  
Sheldon Owen, West Virginia University Extension  
Carlos Quesada, West Virginia University Extension  
Mahfuz Rahman, West Virginia University Extension  
Laurie Thomas, University of Kentucky Extension  
William Worrell, Virginia Cooperative Extension

The 2025 4-H Forestry Invitational Special Volunteers include:

Leslie Boby, Southern Region Forestry Extension  
Jasmin El Farnawany, Southern Region Forestry Extension  
Jacob Petry, Glenville State University  
Rhonda Perkey, Invitational Nurse  
Jon Rocket, Retired from Virginia Cooperative Extension  
Thomas Snyder, Retired from Glenville State University

The USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture is proud of this year's 4-Hers, recognizes the achievements of the nation's young citizens, and salutes the dedicated volunteers and professional leaders whose work enables young people nationwide to participate in 4-H programs each year.

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# 2025 National 4-H Forestry Invitational Program Agenda

## SUNDAY, JULY 20

2:30-5:00 p.m. **Registration:** Teams Register and Check-in at Conference Center Registration Building. Office closes at 5:00 PM.

4:00 p.m. **Jackson's Mill Orientation Tour:** Sheldon Owen, Leaves from Registration Building

6:30 p.m. **Supper** @ Dining Hall - Welcome and State Team Introductions; Bill Worrell, Invitational Chair

8:30 p.m. **Contestants' Orientation:** Johnny King, Laura Thomas, and Rhonda Perkey @ West Virginia Building. Bring state pins, etc. to trade.  
**Coaches/Chaperones/Guests Reception:** Bill Worrell @ EEC Building

11:00 p.m. **LIGHTS OUT!** Please respect people's need for sleep.

## MONDAY, JULY 21

7:30 a.m. **Breakfast:** @ Dining Hall

8:30 a.m. **Welcome and Morning Assembly:** Bill Worrell @ West Virginia Building  
**Tree Measurement and Forest Evaluation** @ West Virginia Building

9:30 a.m. **Orientation Concurrent Sessions** (see list below)  
**Tree Identification:** Sunshine Brosi, Kevin Dodge, Thomas Snyder @ EEC Building  
**Forest Health:** Mahfuz Rahman and Carlos Quesada @ Greenbrier Room A in the basement of dining hall  
**Compass and Pacing:** Todd Dailey and Jacob Petry @ TBA  
**Topographic Maps:** Jon Rocket and Sheldon Owen @ Greenbrier Room B in the basement of dining hall

12:15 p.m. **Lunch:** @ Dining Hall

1:00 p.m. **Orientation Continues:** All Groups Free to Choose Sessions

2:30 p.m. **Break**

3:30-4:30 p.m. **Forestry Written Exam:** Bill Worrell @ West Virginia Building

5:30 p.m. **Supper:** @ Dining Hall

6:30 p.m. **Natural Resources College and Career Fair:** Laurie Thomas @ West Virginia Building (REQUIRED)

7:45 p.m. **Evening Assembly:** "Night Sounds of the Appalachians" - Kevin Dodge, Garrett College @ West Virginia Building (REQUIRED)

9:15 p.m. **Free Time:** Please be courteous to those wishing to study.

11:00 p.m. **LIGHTS OUT!** Please respect people's need for sleep.

## **TUESDAY, JULY 22**

- 7:30 a.m.      **Breakfast:** @ Dining Hall
- 8:30 a.m.      **Morning Assembly:** Bill Worrell @ West Virginia Building
- 9:00 a.m.      **INVITATIONAL COMPETITION BEGINS (locations TBA)**  
Group A: Tree ID: Brossi, Dodge, and Snyder  
Group B: Tree Measurement: King, Thomas  
Group C: Compass and Pacing: Dailey & Petry  
Group D: Forest Health: Mahfuz Rahman & Carlos Quesada  
Topographic Maps: Rocket and Owen
- 9:00 a.m.      **Optional Coaches' Tour:** Sheldon Owen. **All Required to leave campus.**
- 12:15 p.m.      **Lunch:** contestants sit with assigned group @ Dining Hall
- 1:00 p.m.      **INVITATIONAL COMPETITION CONTINUES**
- 4:00 p.m. All 4-H team members report back to the West Virginia Building after your final competition event. Coaches will meet their team at the West Virginia Building when they return from the coaches' tour.
- 5:30 p.m.      **Supper:** @ Dining Hall
- 6:15 p.m.      **Group Photo:** @ TBA
- 6:45 p.m.      **Forestry Bowl Orientation:** Dave McGill & Sheldon Owen @ West Virginia Building **(Required)**
- 7:30 p.m.      **Council Circle:** State Skits – King and Dodge @ TBA **(Required)**
- 9:30 p.m.      **Free Time:** Please be courteous to those wishing to study.
- 11:00 p.m.      **LIGHTS OUT!** Please respect people's need for sleep.

## **WEDNESDAY, JULY 23**

- 7:30 a.m.      **Breakfast:** @ Dining Hall
- 8:15 a.m.      **Morning Assembly:** Bill Worrell @ West Virginia Building
- 8:45 a.m.      **INVITATIONAL COMPETITION CONTINUES**  
Forestry Bowl: Dave McGill @ Greenbrier A & West Virginia Building  
Forest Evaluation: Johnny King, Laurie Thomas & Bill Worrell @ TBA
- 12:15 p.m.      **Lunch:** Dining Hall
- 1:00 p.m.      **INVITATIONAL COMPETITION CONTINUES**
- 4:30 p.m.      **Forestry Bowl Finals:** Dave McGill @ West Virginia Building
- 5:30 p.m.      **Supper:** @ Dining Hall
- 6:15 p.m.      **Woodsmen's Skills Fun Competition:** Log Rolling, Pulpwood Toss, and Cross-Cut Sawing – Johnny King and all committee members @ field in front of Jackson's Lodge
- 9:00 p.m.      **Awards Presentation** @ West Virginia Building
- 10:00 p.m.      **Evening Social and Slide Show** @ West Virginia Building
- 12:00 midnight **LIGHTS OUT!** Please respect people's need for sleep.

**THURSDAY, JULY 24** Check out of lodging and turn in items to camp office  
Teams Depart Jackson's Mill. Have a safe trip home!

# National 4-H Forestry Invitational Historical Summary

| YEAR | MIKE SIKORA<br>WINNING TEAM<br>AWARD | WILL McELFRESH<br>HIGH INDIVIDUAL<br>SCORER AWARD     | JOE YEAGER<br>SPIRIT AWARD<br>WINNER | NUMBER<br>OF TEAMS | NUMBER<br>OF 4-HERS |
|------|--------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1980 | Massachusetts                        | Sandra Foss - MA                                      |                                      | 4                  | 16                  |
| 1981 | Virginia                             | Blair Smith - VA                                      |                                      | 6                  | 24                  |
| 1982 | Louisiana                            | Emile Gardiner - LA                                   |                                      | 11                 | 41                  |
| 1983 | Florida                              | Stuart Gauthier - LA                                  |                                      | NA                 | NA                  |
| 1984 | Alabama                              | Tim Hughes - GA                                       |                                      | 15                 | 57                  |
| 1985 | Tennessee                            | Tom White - TN  |                                      | 16                 | 62                  |
| 1986 | Florida                              | Doug Dyer - LA  |                                      | 17                 | 65                  |
| 1987 | Alabama                              | Carol Shaw - AL                                       | Tina McGuff - LA                     | 17                 | 59                  |
| 1988 | Tennessee                            | Nancy Graybeal - TN                                   | Cavona Collins - GA                  | 13                 | 48                  |
| 1989 | Alabama                              | Lee Cole - TN   | Amy LeFlore - OK                     | 18                 | 61                  |
| 1990 | Georgia                              | Dennis Kuykendall - AR                                |                                      | 15                 | 57                  |
| 1991 | Alabama                              | Kirk Miller - AL                                      | Jeff Adams - IL                      | 19                 | 72                  |
| 1992 | Alabama                              | Alec Mathis - GA                                      | Katrina Hibler - WA                  | 16                 | 61                  |
| 1993 | Tennessee                            | James Russell - AR                                    | Valerie Futral - AL                  | 20                 | 75                  |
| 1994 | Florida                              | Karen Stasncil - FL                                   | Casey Puyleart - ID                  | 21                 | 79                  |
| 1995 | Alabama                              | Jerry Hinnen - AL                                     | Keith Piper - NY                     | 19                 | 68                  |
| 1996 | Alabama                              | Justin Angel - IL                                     | Ashely Couto - AL                    | 19                 | 71                  |
| 1997 | Alabama                              | Jeremy Ramsey - AL                                    | Oklahoma Team                        | 22                 | 85                  |
| 1998 | Alabama                              | (tie) Clinton Morris - WV<br>and John Goff - AL       | Gillian Stoodley - ME                | 20                 | 70                  |
| 1999 | West Virginia                        | Michael Tilley - AR                                   | Cass Davis - OK                      | 20                 | 75                  |
| 2000 | Alabama                              | Pebbles Fulford - FL                                  | Evan Earl - LA                       | 19                 | 72                  |
| 2001 | Alabama                              | (tie) Connor Lawrence - IL<br>and Jimmy Williams - AL | James Burns - TX                     | 14                 | 56                  |
| 2002 | Alabama                              | Lisa Shaw - AL  | Elisa Anderson - WA                  | 15                 | 57                  |
| 2003 | Alabama                              | Holly Cordner - AL                                    | Daniel Gordon - GA                   | 14                 | 54                  |
| 2004 | Alabama                              | Ben Gasser - AL                                       | Andrew Day - FL                      | 17                 | 64                  |
| 2005 | Alabama                              | Samuel Cordner - AL                                   | Austin Young - GA                    | 16                 | 60                  |
| 2006 | Illinois                             | Elizabeth Shiley - IL                                 | Chad Barclay - PA                    | 15                 | 59                  |
| 2007 | Illinois                             | Chris Francis - IL                                    | Joshua Hippler - LA                  | 17                 | 59                  |
| 2008 | Alabama                              | Steve Franklin - AL                                   | Traci Byers - TX                     | 14                 | 55                  |
| 2009 | Alabama                              | Forrest Ford - AL                                     | Wilson Pierce - GA                   | 14                 | 53                  |
| 2010 | Louisiana                            | Megan Farmer - LA                                     | Eli Hudson - OK                      | 15                 | 59                  |
| 2011 | Georgia                              | Brittany Evans - GA                                   | Rachel Rice - GA                     | 13                 | 51                  |
| 2012 | Tennessee                            | Michael Crenshaw - TN                                 | Josh Bell - KY                       | 15                 | 54                  |
| 2013 | Pennsylvania                         | Seth Junkin - AL                                      | Amy Burkhalter - OK                  | 13                 | 50                  |
| 2014 | Alabama                              | Lisa Barron - AL                                      | Nathaniel Erwin - KY                 | 12                 | 45                  |
| 2015 | Tennessee                            | Julia Palacios - TN                                   | Devin Hipp - SC                      | 14                 | 55                  |
| 2016 | Arkansas                             | Kyle Weiner – TN                                      | Holden Doane - IN                    | 17                 | 59                  |
| 2017 | Arkansas                             | Samantha Clanton – AR                                 | Mara Shelton – MS                    | 15                 | 56                  |
| 2018 | Alabama                              | Ethan Rankins – AL                                    | Reese Daily – OK                     | 15                 | 60                  |
| 2019 | Arkansas                             | Braden Harrod – AR                                    | Raven Friend – WV                    | 13                 | 51                  |
| 2021 | Georgia                              | Tie Luke Arrowood – NC                                | And Gabriel Craven-GA                | 9                  | 31                  |
| 2022 | Mississippi                          | Karolina Heathcock-MS                                 | Keller Stinson-Utah                  | 11                 | 41                  |
| 2023 | Florida                              | Elizabeth Bruner -PA                                  | Nevaeh Kouns -KY                     | 12                 | 41                  |
| 2024 | Mississippi                          | Clark Showalter - IN                                  | Holt Sapp - GA                       | 10                 | 40                  |

