



**Jackson's Mill State 4-H Conference Center
Weston, West Virginia
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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** at West Virginia Building: Johnny King, Laura Thomas, and Rhonda Perkey-Bring state pins to trade.
Coaches/Chaperones/Guests Reception- EEC Building- Bill Worrell
- 11:00 p.m. **LIGHTS OUT!** Please respect people's need for sleep.

MONDAY, JULY 21

- 8:00 a.m. **Breakfast:** Dining Hall
- 8:45 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:** West Virginia Building-Bill Worrell
- 5:30 p.m. **Supper:** Dining Hall
- 6:30 p.m. **Natural Resource College Career Fair:** West Virginia Building-Laurie Thomas (REQUIRED)
- 7:45 p.m. **Evening Assembly:** "Night Sounds of the Appalachians" - Kevin Dodge, WV 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

- 8:00 a.m. **Breakfast:** Dining Hall
- 8:45 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 at 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 at WV Building **(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

- 8:00 a.m. **Breakfast:** Dining Hall
- 8:30 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: TBA-Johnny King, Laurie Thomas & Bill Worrell
- 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 in 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 WINNING TEAM AWARD	WILL McELFRESH HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORER AWARD	JOE YEAGER SPIRIT AWARD WINNER	NUMBER OF TEAMS	NUMBER 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 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 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 - UT	11	41
2023	Florida	Elizabeth Bruner - PA	Nevaeh Kouns - KY	12	41
2024	Mississippi	Clark Showalter - IN	Holt Sapp - GA	10	40

