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MEETING NOTICE & PROGRAM 2012 FRA SOUTHCENTRAL REGION ANNUAL MEETING

WHEN: March 20-22, 2012

WHERE: Natchitoches Events Center and various historic restaurants & unique lodging facilities in downtown Natchitoches, Louisiana



A block of rooms has been reserved in "Forest Resources Association" name (with Feb. 28 reservations cutoff date) at the Church Street Inn and three Bed & Breakfasts.

- www.NatchitochesEventsCenter.com
- www.ChurchStInn.com
- www.NatchitochesBandB.com
- www.TheLandingRestaurantandbar.com
- www.Natchitoches.net

PROGRAM OVERVIEW:



Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Networking Reception & Dinner

6:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Wednesday, March 21, 2012

SCR Policy Committee Meeting
 Forest Operations Field Trip
 Social and Awards Dinner

7:45 AM – 9:45 AM
 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Thursday, March 22, 2012

FRA General Session

8:00 AM – 12:00 noon

MEETING COST:	By February 28		After February 28	
	FRA Members	Non-Members	FRA Members	Non-Members
1) All FRA Events	\$ 235.00	\$ 370.00	\$ 270.00	\$415.00
2) Spouse Registration (Tues. & Wednesday Receptions/Dinners)	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00

DETAILED PROGRAM

2012 FRA SOUTHCENTRAL REGION (SCR) ANNUAL MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 20

Registration – Church Street Inn Lobby (120 Church St.)
4:00 PM – 5:45 PM

Networking Reception & Dinner

6:00 PM – 8:30 PM at Merci Beaucoup Restaurant, 127 Church St

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

Registration (“self-serve” check-in) at Natchitoches Events Center (750 Second St.)
7:30 AM – 9:45 AM

Southcentral Region Policy Committee Meeting

7:45 AM – 9:45 AM at Natchitoches Events Center (750 Second St.)

Forest Operations Field Trip

10:00 AM – 5:00 PM: Board vans outside Natchitoches Events Center (750 Second St.)
(Bring hard hat, safety glasses, hearing protection, hi-viz vest, and rain gear). Lunch is provided.
-Tour of Kisatchie Treating LLC in Zwolle.
-Weyerhaeuser truck dispatching overview.
-Southern Loggers Co-op fuel depot.
-Haynesville Shale gas development impacts on forest operations.



Social and Awards Dinner

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM at The Landing Restaurant (upstairs level), 530 Front St.

Presentation of Southcentral Region Technical Writing Award and Outstanding Logger Award.

DETAILED PROGRAM (continued)

THURSDAY, MARCH 22

General Session

8:00 AM – 12 Noon

Moderator: Joseph Parnell, SCR Chair, Parnell Inc., Maplesville, AL

- A. FRA National (Legislative & Regulations) Update
FRA Staff, Board, or Executive Committee Member
- B. Macroeconomic Trends and Potential Impacts on the Forest Products Industry
Chris Lyddan, RISI (International Woodfiber Report), Richmond, VA.
- C. Louisiana's State and Regional Forestry Issues
Buck Vandersteen, Louisiana Forestry Association, Alexandria, LA.
- D. Panel: Current Wood Fiber Supply Chain Challenges & Opportunities
Representatives from three links of the wood fiber supply chain:
 - David Cupp, Walsh Timber Company, LLC, Zwolle, LA
 - Gary Beacher, RMS, Jena, LA
 - Independent private landowner (invited-TBA) or:
 - Louisiana-based bioenergy startup business representative (invited-TBA)

MEETING INFORMATION

Meeting Registration

Your meeting registration cost will be less if you register early—on or before February 28. Please use the enclosed **FRA Meeting Registration Form** for your meeting registration. **Mail or fax it by February 28, 2012 to:**

Forest Resources Association
600 Jefferson Plaza, Suite 350
Rockville, MD 20852
Fax: 301-838-9481

The FRA Meeting Registration Form includes a split registration fee structure for FRA members and non-members. Upon request, employees of government agencies, colleges, universities, allied forestry associations, and other non-profit organizations that are not eligible for FRA membership can register at FRA member rates. The meeting registration table will be set up outside meeting event rooms or locations. Those who pre-register should pick up their registration packets upon arrival. On-site registrations will be taken.

Registration Fees

See the attached “Meeting Notice and Program” page or Meeting Registration Form for the applicable fees. Please contact Rick Meyer (meyerforest@aol.com or 540-989-4171) with any questions about registering for just a portion of the meeting.

The spouse registration fee (\$75) includes Tuesday evening’s Reception & Dinner at the *Merci Beaucoup* Restaurant (127 Church St.) and Wednesday evening’s Social & Awards Dinner at The Landing Restaurant (530 Front St.).

Full refunds for FRA registration fees will be made for cancellations received by March 12. We will not grant refunds for cancellations made after March 12. In addition, pre-registered no-shows who do not cancel by March 12 will be billed for the appropriate registration fee.

About Natchitoches, Louisiana

Natchitoches, the original French Colony in Louisiana, retains its European flavor through its architecture, heritage, and lifestyle. At the heart of this National Historic Landmark District lies Front Street, a brick thoroughfare where wrought-iron balconies, restaurants, and shops face the beautiful Cane River Lake. The City of Natchitoches was established in 1714 by Louis Juchereau de St. Denis, making it the oldest permanent settlement in the Louisiana Purchase territory.

The City’s Historic Landmark District, which fronts Cane River Lake and encompasses a 33-block area, includes many historic homes, churches, and commercial structures. A mixture of Queen Anne and Victorian architecture, along with Creole style cottages, can be seen throughout the district.

Overnight accommodations for FRA meeting guests at the Church Street Inn and various bed and breakfasts (all with private bathrooms and wireless internet access) are all located within close walking distance of the downtown’s scenic Front Street area, which resembles the French Quarter of New Orleans. Our opening night reception and dinner at *Merci Beaucoup* restaurant is also within this area, as are The Landing Restaurant (Wednesday night Awards Dinner). The Natchitoches Events Center, where the Policy Committee meeting and General Session will take place, is just one block uphill from front Street.

Natchitoches offers many historic buildings to tour or visit. One famous attraction is the Taylor House/Steel Magnolia House which was the primary location in the 1989 classic (true story) movie *Steel Magnolias*. (Today the house is a bed and breakfast.) When you visit Natchitoches, you'll certainly agree with *Southern Living* magazine's 2010 rating of Natchitoches as one of the "best small towns in America." See www.natchitoches.net for a comprehensive guide to Natchitoches attractions.

Forest Operations Field Trip

The field trip vans will depart promptly at 10:00 AM from outside the Natchitoches Events Center (look for the circular driveway and flag poles) at 750 Second Street.

Field trip stops:

- Kisatchie Treating, LLC (www.kisatchietreating.com) in Converse, LA; one of the newest treating plants in the country; manufactures and treats poles and pilings of all sizes.
- The Southern Loggers Cooperative (www.southernloggers.com) fuel station in Zwolle, LA. This stop will include a brief overview of the co-op's accomplishments and emerging opportunities to meet the needs of its members.
- Overview of Weyerhaeuser's truck dispatching program on its North Louisiana timberlands; possible harvest operation.
- Possible additional stop to receive an overview of the Marcellus Shale gas and oil development "boom" in the region.



Lunch will be provided for all field trip participants.

Please bring your hardhat, safety glasses, hearing protection, hi-viz vest, and rain gear. Field clothes and boots are strongly recommended.

The field trip vans will return to the Natchitoches Events Center by approximately 5:00 PM. The FRA SCR Social and Awards Dinner will follow, beginning at 6:00 PM, at The Landing Restaurant, located on 530 Front Street. The upstairs level is reserved for FRA. (Look for the restaurant with the nice balcony on Front Street.)

Continuing Education Credits

FRA is applying for Society of American Foresters Continuing Forestry Education (CFE) credits for the Forestry Field Trip and General Session. CFE Contact Hour notice forms will be provided at the meeting.

Dress - Dress for all meeting functions is casual (example: slacks and sports shirts).

Forest Resources Association
Southcentral Region Annual Meeting
March 20-22, 2012

Lodging Reservation Options & Information

Hotel option:

Church Street Inn, 120 Church St., Natchitoches, LA 71457

Call 800-668-9298 and ask for Forest Resources Assn. room rate; preview this 20-unit hotel at www.churchstinn.com. Overnight stay includes deluxe continental breakfast

Standard Queen Bed Room: \$115 plus tax

Standard King Bed Room: \$125 plus tax

Double Queen Beds Room: \$125 plus tax

Deluxe King Room: \$140 plus tax



Bed and Breakfast options (5 rooms per house):

Judge Porter House, 321 Second Street: \$99 single or \$135 double occupancy (one bed)

Violet Hill House, 917 Washington Street: \$99 single or \$135 double occupancy (one bed)

Andrew Morris House, 422 Second Street: \$99 single or \$135 double occupancy (one bed)

(Overnight B & B stay includes full breakfast at 7 AM for FRA meeting guests.)

Call 800-441-8343 and mention "Forest Resources Assn." to reserve a room; overview of each of these three homes can be found at www.natchitochesbandb.com (B& B Check-in time is 1 PM; check-out time is 10:30 AM.)



Note: Natchitoches has many other Bed and Breakfast homes in the downtown area. Standard business-type motels are located a few miles away on I-49, but they fall well short of the unique experience of staying at a historic facility in downtown Natchitoches.

Rooms must be guaranteed with a credit card or deposit of one night's stay.

Reserve your room early if you want to obtain your first choice of facility or room setup.

Hotel and B & B reservation cutoff date is February 28, 2012. After February 28, the FRA room blocks will be released, and room availability is not guaranteed.

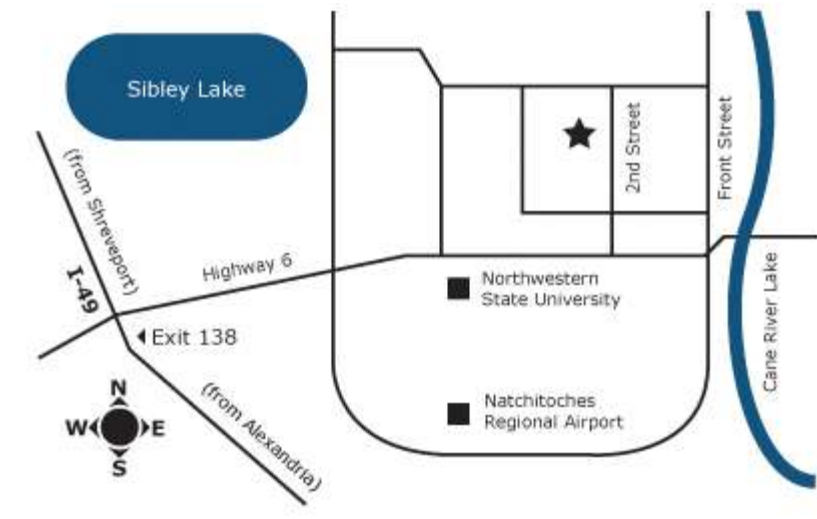
All facilities are non-smoking. All facilities include complimentary internet.

Directions to Natchitoches. Louisiana

Directions to: Natchitoches Events Center
750 Second Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana.

From I-49/North (from Shreveport) or I-49/South (from Alexandria):

Take Natchitoches/Many Exit (#138). Turn left (from Shreveport) or turn right (from Alexandria) on Highway 6 (University Parkway). Proceed to fourth stoplight and turn left on Second Street. Go through one stoplight and one stop sign. The Natchitoches Events center is located on the left at 750 Second Street.



Note: All other meeting functions and lodging are within walking distance of the Events Center.

Accommodations:

Church Street Inn, 120 Church Street (www.churchstinn.com)

Judge Porter House, 321 Second Street (www.natchitochesbandb.com)

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Andrew Morris House, 422 Second Street (www.natchitochesbandb.com)

Restaurants with FRA-hosted receptions & dinners:

Merci Beaucoup Restaurant, 127 Church Street (Tuesday evening)

The Landing Restaurant, 530 Front Street (Wednesday evening)

FRA MEETING REGISTRATION FORM
2012 SOUTHCENTRAL REGION FALL MEETING
FOREST RESOURCES ASSOCIATION INC.
March 20-22, 2012

Please complete and mail or fax this form
no later than February 28, 2012 to:

Forest Resources Association
600 Jefferson Plaza
Suite 350
Rockville, MD 20852
Fax: 301-838-9481

Please complete a form for each meeting attendee. (Print name as you prefer it printed on your name badge.)

Name _____ Phone _____

Company _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____

Guest's Name (spouse, children, etc.) _____

To help with guarantees, please check each function you plan to attend:

Member/Non-Member will attend the:
____ Reception & Dinner (Tuesday. Eve.)
____ Forestry Field Trip (Wednesday)
____ Social & Awards Dinner (Wed. Eve.)
____ Thursday General Session

Spouse will attend the:
____ Reception & Dinner (Tuesday. Eve.)
____ Social & Awards Dinner (Wed. Eve.)

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Total Enclosed \$ _____
or
Total to be paid at Meeting \$ _____

Please make checks payable to Forest Resources Association Inc.

Credit Card Payment: _____ American Express _____ Visa _____ MasterCard

Name as it appears on your card: _____

Account # and 3 digit code: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____

Cancellation Policy: Cancellation by March 12 – full refund
Cancellation after March 12 – no refund
Pre-registered no-shows – full fee billing and no refund