



Member Benefits

Formed in 1949, AFA is a membership organization that represents the interests of forest products companies, landowners, loggers, wood suppliers, foresters and others with a stake in Alabama's forest economy.

Why Join?

- PROTECT your interests
- GROW your business
- LEARN about the issues
- CONNECT with others



THE MISSION

AFA exists to maintain a favorable political, regulatory and legal environment for members to manage their forestry operations profitably and sustainably.



AREAS OF INFLUENCE

- ▶ ADVOCACY - Lobby local, state and federal governments
- ▶ POLITICAL - Candidate recruitment, funding & on-the-ground support
- ▶ GRASSROOTS - Build active networks across forestry community
- ▶ LEGAL - Pursue judicial remedies to protect landowner rights
- ▶ PROMOTION - Promote the benefits of forests & the industry

Affiliated Organizations



HEAR FROM OUR MEMBERS

AFA PROMOTES THE FOREST INDUSTRY

“Those of us who make our living in forestry have a great story to tell and the Alabama Forestry Association is the most effective organization I've ever seen in telling that story.”

Rick Johnson, Partner - Tuscaloosa Forestry Service

AFA IS THE VOICE OF FORESTRY

“Landowners, loggers, foresters and mills all come together as members under one umbrella. The Alabama Forestry Association advocates for the entire forestry community.”

Ben Smith, Regional Fiber Supply Manager - WestRock



OUTREACH PROGRAMS

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS – Continuing Education for attorneys, accountants, architects, and real estate professionals.

COMMUNICATIONS – Flagship quarterly magazine *Alabama Forests*, weekly e-newsletter *AFA NewsRoom*, *Logger Notes*, AFA News Releases, AFA Membership Directory

INDUSTRY PROGRAMS – Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI), Wood Marketing & Promotion

LANDOWNER PROGRAMS – Tree Farm, Annual Landowner Conference, On-line Education

LOG-A-LOAD FOR KIDS FOUNDATION – Raise funds for Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals for treatment, education & research

LOGGER PROGRAMS – Professional Logging Manager (PLM), Logger of the Year, Continuing Logger Education, On-line Education

STUDENT PROGRAMS – Blackbelt Initiative, Architect Student Program, Building Science Student Program, FAWN

TEACHER PROGRAMS – Project Learning Tree (PLT), Teachers Conservation Workshop (TCW)

PROTECT MEMBERS FROM HIGHER TAXES

“Even today members of the legislature remember how the Alabama Forestry Association led the fight to defeat Governor Riley’s 2003 attempt to more than double property taxes. Forestry’s steadfast opposition to any increase is one of the primary reasons Alabama has the lowest property taxes in the nation.”

Clay Scofield, Farmer and Alabama State Senator

A CONSERVATIVE INFLUENCE

“ ‘Forestry’ as they’re known around Montgomery, is probably the most consistently conservative interest group in Alabama politics.”

Cliff Sims, former CEO Yellowhammer News in “The Top 5 Conservative Groups in Alabama”

PROTECT YOUR INTEREST

“Why am I a member of AFA? Because they SOLVE PROBLEMS. Whether it’s an effort by the Legislature to raise taxes or a county trying to infringe on landowner rights...AFA is always there, always watching, always protecting my interest.”

Al and Pat Nettles, Landowner – Monroe County



AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS & PROGRAMS

Alabama Forestry Association Health Insurance Plan Trust
(Group Health Insurance Plans)

Alabama Forestry FedPAC (Federal Political Action Committee)

Alabama Forests Forever Foundation (Provides grants for forestry education programs through the sale of car /truck tags)

Alabama Forestry Foundation (Forestry outreach, education and conservation)

Alabama Forestry Young Leaders Program

Alabama Loggers Council

Alabama Natural Resources Council (Coordinating council for natural resource agencies /organizations)

Alabama SFI State Implementation Committee (SIC)

Alabama Tree Farm Committee

Forest Fund (Self-insured Workers Compensation Fund)

Forest Workforce Training Institute (Forest industry career promotion, Logging Equipment Operator School)

ForestPAC (State Political Action Committee)

Hunting Lease & Timberland Liability



EVENTS

1. Annual Meeting
2. ANRC Alabama Land Owners Conference
3. Beginner Birding Workshop
4. Career Fairs
5. District Meetings / Regional Receptions
6. Emergency Response / First Aid, CPR, BB Pathogen Training
7. Government Affairs Committee Conference
8. Learn & Burn Training
9. Project Learning Tree Training
10. Sunburn Classic Golf Tournament