

**E**ver wonder how your wooden cutting board or kitchen table started out as a tree but now resides in your home? What process did it take to create the finished product? Wonder no more, as the Kentucky Wood Expo is coming to Lexington this fall.

Sponsored by the Kentucky Forest Industries Association (KFIA), the Expo will be held at Masterson Station Park located in Lexington, Kentucky, on Friday, September 20, and Saturday, September 21. The Expo will offer a variety of demonstrations and equipment related to the wood industry, finished wood products produced by Kentucky craftsmen, educational presentations and much more. (See schedule on following pages.)

Just exactly what will be at the Expo? What won't be is the better question. Even if you have attended the Expo in the past, you and your family are in for a big treat as more events, educational presentations and shows have been added this year.

On Friday, September 20, the gates and exhibits open at 9 a.m. Youth from all over the state will be participating in forestry-related activities. Approximately 1,000 elementary students will learn the importance of the wood industry, while high school youth

compete for prizes in forestry-related competitions such as tree and wood identification, insect and diseases, and chainsaw part identification.

In addition to more than 100 inside and outside exhibits, the young and old alike will enjoy the University of Kentucky's Critter Tent. Both days, this hands-on tent allows visitors to handle and gaze upon several nonvenomous, live amphibians and reptiles. This tent will also house UK Entomology's insect and spider "petting zoo," featuring live tarantulas, scorpions, giant roaches, and other creatures. The Critter Tent will be an opportunity for people to get a close look at some very unusual creatures in a safe, educational environment.

Beginning at 11 a.m. on Friday, The IronJack Traveling Shows and Competitions (aka Lumberjack Feud) from Pigeon Forge, TN, will be performing live lumberjack competitions such as sawing, pole climbing and log rolling. But don't worry if you can't make it early Friday as they will be competing three times a day, both days.

Friday at 6 p.m. you won't want to miss the Local Celebrity Forestry Competitions. Local Police, Fire and fitness center personnel will battle it out to see who is the Top Forestry Champion in Lexington. They will be participating in cross-cut sawing, axe throwing, and stock chainsaw competitions. For many of them, this will be the first time they have participated in these types of competitions.

Be prepared to be amazed as you watch Mike Pace of the Stihl Pro Carving Team from Ohio sculpt regular logs

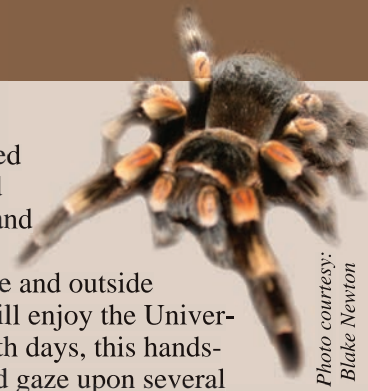


Photo courtesy: Blake Newton



Photo courtesy: McConnell Springs  
Several Kentucky craftsman will be at the Expo showcasing their talents.



Photo courtesy: KFIA

# Experience All Things Wood

by Reneé Williams



into beautiful works of art using only a chainsaw. He has made ordinary pieces of wood come to life as bears, eagles and foxes. Four times a day he will showcase his artistic abilities and then auction his carvings off to the public.

Several events will be held continuously throughout both days such as sawmill and heavy equipment demonstrations, craft and food booths, and music. A truck totally powered by wood will also be on display. Those who participate in the cutting board workshop will receive a beautiful hardwood cutting board made from local Kentucky grown trees to drill, sand, and finish on-site. While participating you will learn how important the wood industry is to Kentucky's economy. Cutting boards are being donated by Kentucky Forest Industries Association members and the University of Kentucky Department of Forestry.



*Photo courtesy: KFIA  
Chainsaw carvers will be creating works of art like the above at this year's Expo.*

Attendees of the Expo will also have the chance to guess the weight of an enormous log. Expo participants who guess closest to the actual weight will win prizes. Logs at past Expos have weighed in at over 10,000 pounds!

Also held both days will be the Log A Load for Kids Silent Auction. Several donors have

given auction items to raise funds for the Kentucky Children's Hospital. Everyone is invited to participate in this worthwhile event. Since 1997, KFIA has contributed over \$375,000 to the UK Children's Hospital.

On Saturday, September 21, Expo activities begin with the Log Some Miles 5K Race. Race participants will be running on a beautifully mowed course and, at times, running along the stream at lower Masterson Station and through lightly wooded areas. If you'd like to participate in the Log Some Miles 5K Race, visit [www.kfia.org/KentuckyWoodExpo/LogSomeMiles5KRace.aspx](http://www.kfia.org/KentuckyWoodExpo/LogSomeMiles5KRace.aspx) to register. All preregistered participants will receive free admission into the Kentucky Wood Expo and a Log Some Miles t-shirt. Registration begins at 7 a.m. A portion of the proceeds from the 5K Race will support the Kentucky Children's Hospital.

The University of Kentucky (UK) Forestry Extension will offer a wealth of options throughout the day for attendees to learn more about forestry and forestry-related topics. Starting at 8:30 a.m. with the Woodland Owners Short Course (WOSC), this program is designed to help the novice to the more experienced woodland owner learn how to care for and manage their woodlands. Topics covered range from tree identification to discovering what forest threats might affect participants' woodlands such as the

Emerald Ash Borer. Two tracks will be taught during the all-day program: the green track, for the novice or less experienced woodland owner, and the gold track for the more experienced owner. Both tracks will visit equipment demonstrations to help them get a feel for some of the equipment that could help them maximize their woodlands potential. If you would like to register for the Woodland Owners Short Course or learn more about it, visit [www2.ca.uky.edu/forestryextension/WOSC.php](http://www2.ca.uky.edu/forestryextension/WOSC.php). Registration for the WOSC includes admission to the Expo both days.

UK Forestry Extension will also have multiple educational presentations from nature photography to tree and snake identification to urban tree care just to name a few. These 50-minute discussions will take place throughout the day on Saturday. (See page 17 for details.)

Forestry students from the University of Kentucky and several surrounding states will take part in forestry-related competitions. At various times throughout the day on Saturday, these universities will compete for bragging rights in competitions such as ax throw, stock chainsaw, and underhand chop.

Expo attendees can see heavy equipment in action during the annual Skidder and Knuckleboom competitions. Any qualified person 18 years or older may participate in these competitions. The skidder contestant must pull three logs through an obstacle course of cones without knocking them over. Knuckleboom competitors must stack num-



*Photo courtesy: KFIA  
Expo attendees will see heavy equipment in action such as this knuckleboom.*

bered logs in a designated area and return them to their designated area all within an allotted time frame. Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to experience all things wood at this year's Expo. For a full schedule of events or to order advance tickets, contact KFIA at 502.695.3979. The Expo is open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday and from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday. Admission is \$7 (\$5 in advance) at the gate for adults and \$5 for children 6 to 12 years old (under 6 are free). For more Expo information visit [www.kywoodexpo.org](http://www.kywoodexpo.org).



*Participants at the WOSC will learn a variety of forestry-related topics teaching them how to manage their woodlands.*

*Photo courtesy: Billy Thomas*



*Photo courtesy: KFIA*

*Attendees can guess the weight of an enormous log to win prizes.*

# Educational Opportunities Offered at the Kentucky Wood Expo

The Kentucky Wood Expo offers an abundance of educational opportunities for you as a woodland owner on Saturday, September 21, in the UK Forestry Education Area at Masterson Station Park in Lexington, KY. These presentations are sponsored by the University of Kentucky Department of Forestry.

Beginning at 9:30 a.m., Dave Leonard from Dave Leonard Tree Specialists will present **What is Emerald Ash Borer and How Can You Protect Your Ash Trees?** This talk will give the home- and woodland owner alike, the information they need to tackle this exotic beetle. A range of topics will be covered from how to determine if trees are in need of protection and the different ways to protect them to dealing with trees that are already infested.

Dr. Steven Price, University of Kentucky's Department of Forestry's Assistant Professor of Wildlife Ecology, will present **Amphibians and Reptiles in Kentucky's Forest, with Special Emphasis on Snake Identification** at 10:30 a.m. In this talk, he will discuss how amphibians and reptiles are common components of Kentucky's forests and will show some of the most common woodland species landowners may encounter. Dr. Price



Photo courtesy: J.D. Willson  
*Amphibians and reptiles are common components of Kentucky's forests.*

will also introduce some of the ways in which land managers and woodland owners can protect and enhance habitats for amphibians and reptiles.

At 11:30 a.m. **Digital Cameras, Lenses, and Accessories for Outdoor Photography** will be presented by Dr. Tom Barnes, University of Kentucky's Department of Forestry's Extension Professor and Extension Wildlife Specialist. In this session participants will learn such things as the difference between a point and shoot and a DSLR camera. Dr. Barnes will also cover the basics of digital photography equipment including cameras, lenses, tripods, and other accessories. Participants can bring their own equipment and are encouraged to ask questions.

Then at 12:30 p.m. you can learn how to put your camera to work as Dr. Tom Barnes presents **Nature Photography**. Participants will be introduced to the concepts and principles of making outstanding nature photographs, ranging from close-ups of flowers to wide-reaching landscapes and wildlife. Basic concepts related to light and composition will be emphasized and example photographs will be used to highlight concepts. Learn about the art and science of nature photography and what makes a good photograph.



Photo courtesy: Tom Barnes  
*Dr. Barnes will show attendees the fundamentals of taking nature photographs.*

Also at 12:30 p.m. Dave Leonard will present **Residential Tree Care – What Your Tree Really Needs When You Take It Out of the Forest**. In this presentation, Mr. Leonard will give tree pruning and maintenance techniques that will allow your tree to live its normal life span in your urban environment. He will focus on maintenance practices that owners can do themselves as well as those that require a professional arborist.

Beginning at 1:30 p.m., participants may attend **Wildlife Food Plots or Wood Identification**. Clay Smitson, a Private Lands Wildlife Biologist with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, will present information on wildlife food plots and their establishment and maintenance. Both annual and perennial forage plantings will be discussed along with details on site selection and wildlife species preferences. Dr. Terry Conners, University of Kentucky's Department of Forestry Associate Professor, will help participants learn the basics of wood structure as well as how to identify more than a dozen of the most common types of wood.

Two other classes will be offered at 2:30 p.m., **Ecology and Restoration of the American Chestnut** and **Wildlife Damage Control**. Lynn Garrison, President of the Kentucky Chapter of the American Chestnut Foundation, will present the Ecology and Restoration of the American Chestnut. Bell County University of Kentucky Extension Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources Stacy White will present Wildlife Damage Control.

The last presentation of the day starts at 3:30 p.m. with **Tree Identification: Looking Beyond All Those Leaves**. Doug McLaren, University of Kentucky's Department of Forestry's Area Extension Forester, will help participants walk away with the skills necessary to identify trees in Kentucky. The process is not difficult and will open a new understanding of a natural renewable resource valuable to Kentucky and its wood industry.



Photo courtesy: Reneé Williams  
*Learn how to identify trees at the Expo.*

For more information about these educational opportunities, call UK Forestry Extension at 859.257.7597. All of these UK Forestry Extension education opportunities are free with Expo admission.



# Kentucky Wood Expo Schedule of Events\*

## Friday, September 20

9:00 a.m.	<b>Gates &amp; Exhibits Open</b>	11:00 a.m.	<b>IronJack Timber Team</b> (Performed by Lumberjack Sports International)
9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.	<b>Log A Load for Kids Silent Auction</b>	11:00 a.m.	<b>High School Youth Forestry FFA Competition</b> – Preregistration required
9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	<b>EKSAF and KACF 2013 Fall Meeting and Center for Forest and Wood Certification Cooperating Forester Update</b>	1:00 & 4 p.m.	<b>IronJack Timber Team</b>
9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.	<b>Critter Tent</b>	1:00 - 4:00 p.m.	<b>Kentucky Master Logger Training</b>
9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	<b>Youth Programming</b> – Preregistration required.	2:00 - 6:00 p.m.	<b>Create Your Own Cutting Board</b>
		6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	<b>Local Celebrity Forestry Competitions</b>
		7:00 p.m.	<b>Gates Close</b>



## Saturday, September 21

7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	<b>Registration for Log Some Miles 5K Race</b>	12:30 - 1:20 p.m.	<b>Residential Tree Care – What Your Tree Really Needs When You Take It Out of the Forest</b> – Dave Leonard, Dave Leonard Tree Specialists
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	<b>Kentucky Woodland Owners Short Course</b>	1:00 p.m.	<b>Skidder Contest</b>
8:30 a.m.	<b>Gates &amp; Exhibits Open</b>	1:00 p.m.	<b>IronJack Timber Team</b>
8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.	<b>Log A Load for Kids Silent Auction</b>	1:30 - 2:20 p.m.	<b>Wildlife Food Plots</b> – Clay Smitson, Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	<b>Create Your Own Cutting Board</b>	1:30 - 2:20 p.m.	<b>Wood Identification</b> – Terry Conners, UK Department of Forestry Associate Professor
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	<b>Critter Tent</b>	2:30 - 3:20 p.m.	<b>Ecology and Restoration of the American Chestnut</b> – Lynn Garrison, KY-TACF President
9:00 a.m.	<b>Log Some Miles 5K Race</b>	2:30 - 3:20 p.m.	<b>Wildlife Damage Control</b> - Stacy White, Bell County Extension Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources
9:30 - 10:20 a.m.	 <b>What is Emerald Ash Borer and How Can You Protect Your Ash Trees?</b> – Dave Leonard, Dave Leonard Tree Specialists	3:00 p.m.	<b>IronJack Timber Team</b>
9:30 - 11:20 a.m.	<b>Kentucky Master Logger Training</b>	3:30 - 4:20 p.m.	<b>Tree Identification: Looking Beyond All Those Leaves</b> – Doug McLaren, UK Department of Forestry Extension Forester
10:00 a.m.	<b>Knuckleboom Contest</b>	4:30 p.m.	<b>Gates Close</b>
10:30 - 11:20 a.m.	<b>Amphibians and Reptiles in Kentucky's Forest, with Special Emphasis on Snake Identification</b> – Dr. Steven Price, University of Kentucky's Department of Forestry's Assistant Professor of Wildlife Ecology		
11:00 a.m.	<b>IronJack Timber Team</b>		
11:30 a.m.	<b>Live Country/Bluegrass Music</b>		
11:30 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.	<b>Kentucky Master Logger Training</b>		
11:30 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.	<b>Digital Cameras, Lenses, and accessories for outdoor photography</b> – Dr. Tom Barnes, UK Department of Forestry's Extension Professor & Extension Wildlife Specialist		
12:30 - 1:20 p.m.	<b>Nature Photography</b> – Dr. Tom Barnes, UK Department of Forestry's Extension Professor & Extension Wildlife Specialist		

\*Schedule of events is subject to change.

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