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Kentucky's New Director of the Division of Forestry: James Wright

James R. Wright has been appointed Kentucky Director of the Division of Forestry effective April 16. James is a graduate of the University of Kentucky, where he earned a Bachelor's degree in Forestry. He began his career with the Division of Forestry in 1994, working as a service forester. He was promoted to the position of chief forester in 2002 and was elevated in 2009 to the position of regional forester. He had been serving as Acting Kentucky Fire Chief since January 2017. Wright has served as a Division



supervisor on numerous fire incidents during the most recent Spring and Fall fire seasons and has worked closely with the U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) on developing Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and Habitat Improvement Program (WHIP) guidelines for Kentucky. He lives in Lexington where he has been a longtime youth basketball and baseball coach.

UK Forestry Department Chair Changes



Dr. Terrell Baker

After six years as chair of the UK Department of Forestry Dr. Terrell "Red" Baker stepped down on March 31, 2017 to become the new director of the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences. We thank Red for his many contributions to forestry in Kentucky and wish him the very best in his new position. Dr. Jeff Stringer, an Extension Professor at the University of Kentucky Department of Forestry and one of the editors of Kentucky Woodlands Magazine, has been selected to serve as interim department chair by Dean Nancy Cox of the UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. Jeff is well known and respected in the forestry community and is excited to lead the department through the transition of finding a permanent chair.



Dr. Jeff Stringer

Welcome to KY Woodlands Magazine's Newest Editor: Pam Snyder

Kentucky Woodlands Magazine is pleased to have Pam Snyder of the Kentucky Division of Forestry (KDF) join us as editor. Pam has been a strong advocate for Kentucky woodland owners for more than 20 years. In addition to this new position, Pam is also the Stewardship Branch Manager for KDF. You can reach Pam via email at pamela.snyder@ky.gov.



Upcoming Dates To Remember:

2017 Dates:	Event:	Location:	Contact:
August 12	East Woodland Owners Short Course	Laurel County Extension Office	www.ukforestry.org
August 26	West Woodland Owners Short Course	Warren County Extension Office	www.ukforestry.org
Sept. 15 - 16	KY Wood Expo	Lexington, KY	www.kfia.org
September 23	Central Woodland Owners Short Course	Kenton County Public Library—Erlanger Branch	www.ukforestry.org

NEWS TO USE

2017 Kentucky Woodland Owners Short Course

Registration is now open for all sessions of the 2017 Woodland Owners Short Course (WOSC). This regionally based program is an excellent opportunity for you and your family to learn how to care for your woodlands. Unfortunately, most woodland owners are not aware of the wide variety of organizations and programs available to help them care for their woodlands. If you want to maximize your woodlands and get answers to your questions then the WOSC is right for you! For more information visit <http://forestry.ca.uky.edu/wosc> or call 859.257.7597.

Kentucky Woodland Owners Short Course



- East WOSC, August 12, Laurel County Extension Office
- West WOSC, August 26, Warren County Extension Office
- Central WOSC, September 23, Kenton County Library – Erlanger Branch

Kentucky Wood Expo 2017

The Kentucky Wood Expo will take place on September 15 & 16 in Lexington at Masterson Station Park. The event is open to the public and contains a wide variety of activities, demonstrations, and educational events. UK Forestry Extension is partnering with the Kentucky Forest Industries Association to put on several educational programs including: Small Scale Logging Demonstration, Your Backyard Woods, and the ever popular Critter Tent including a new mammal display with skulls and skins of native Kentucky animals. In addition, Wood Expo attendees will once again have a chance to make and take home their own cutting boards.

Other planned activities include live Country and Bluegrass Music, Chainsaw Carving Demonstrations, and a competition between local police and fire departments in forestry related events. There are also a number of other contests that the public can participate in and a wide variety of crafts, food and fun for the entire family. Make sure to come out to the Kentucky Wood Expo to cheer on the UK Forestry student team as they compete in the Collegiate Lumberjack Competition against seven other universities! Mark your calendars now and plan to join us at the 2017 Kentucky Wood Expo!

Photo courtesy: Laura Lhotka



Above: Come watch UK students compete in lumberjack competitions at the Kentucky Wood Expo. Left: The Kentucky Wood Expo is for all ages, as even younger children can participate in making a cutting board.



Photo courtesy: Renee' Williams

Snake Identification Website UPDATED

The University of Kentucky Department of Forestry has recently updated the snake identification website, www.kysnakes.org. The update added more pictures of all the snakes present within Kentucky, a map showing their known ranges, and the ability to use a drop-down menu of characteristics to help identify snakes. One of the newest additions includes the ability to report the snake you observed to the depart-



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ment. The website will ask for some basic information on the species you observed including the county where you observed it, the date, and it will ask if you are willing to be contacted by the department if more information is needed. If you are curious about snake species in Kentucky or would like to report a snake you have seen please visit <http://kysnakes.ca.uky.edu/>