

# YOUNG PROFESSIONALS SUMMIT

## Meeting Agenda

### Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup> 2022

- 3:00 pm**      **Check-ins Begin**  
*Hilton Columbia Center - 924 Senate St, Columbia, SC 29201*
- 5:30 pm**      **Summit Welcome Social**  
*Poolside bar with Hors d'oeuvres at Hilton Columbia Center*
- 8:30 pm**      **End of Social**



The SC Be Pro Be Proud truck (a workforce program designed to introduce high school students to different education and career options in the trucking, equipment, electric, and forestry industries through simulation gaming) will be parked outside of the hotel for the Summit participants to tour, and to sign up as volunteers for future Be Pro Be Proud programming as representatives of the Forest Industry.

### Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup> 2022

- 7:00 am**      **Breakfast – Personality Quiz**  
*Hilton Columbia Center: Banquet 1*
- 8:00 am**      **Future of Our Workforce and Forest Industry Jobs**  
A representative from the Department of Employment and Workforce will give a presentation on the future workforce in South Carolina as it relates to forest industry jobs.
- 8:30 am**      **SC Forest Industry Logistics Issues and Updates**  
Zack Johnson, from Beasley Forest Products, will speak on logistic issues that are being faced in the forestry industry in South Carolina and discussing ways the forest industry can work together to overcome these logistical issues.
- 9:15 am**      **Mitigation Banking, Carbon Markets, Conservation Easements and Land Use Changes Panel**  
Ryan Wenzel, from Sabine and Waters, will speak on the importance and the process of mitigation banking, an important way to offset the ecological loss of a development project by compensating for the preservation and restoration of a different area or habitat.  
  
Mac Rhodes, will talk about the new, hot topic of Carbon Markets and how it assists in offsetting carbon emissions while providing an income source for small landowners by delaying the cutting of their timber.  
  
Raleigh West, Executive Director at SC Conservation Bank, will discuss conservation easements, highlighting how the SC Conservation Bank serves SC landowners and the different facets of our forest industry. He will also discuss the projected land use change in South Carolina, how it will affect our forest industry in the future, and how the forest industry can prepare for those changes.
- 10:45 am**      **Leadership Development in the Forest Industry (Personality Test)**  
A personality test will be conducted to help participants better understand and orient their personal goals, objectives, strengths, weaknesses, and communication methods to benefit their forest industry careers.

**12:00 pm**

**Lunch Break**  
*Independent Lunch*

**1:30 pm**

**Return to hotel for Afternoon Tour**  
*Meet in Banquet 1 before Tour departure*  
**SC State House Tour with Saluda County House Representative**

Cal Forrest will discuss current legislation that affects the SC forest industry, and how young forestry professionals can get involved in legislative advocacy to benefit the SC forest industry.

**4:00 pm**

**Return to hotel**

**4:15 pm**

**Ethics, Professionalism, and Engagement**  
*Hilton Columbia Center: Banquet 1*

Gene Kodama, former SC State Forester and former SAF President/Chairman, will summarize the main points from the morning presentations as they relate to the future of our SC forest industry, and getting involved in programs around the state that are working toward solving the issues mentioned in the previous presentations. He will also discuss Ethics and Professionalism, and the importance of Ethics and Professionalism in the SC Forest Industry and our individual forestry careers.

Jim Brown, Treasurer of the SC Tree Farm Committee and Procurement Forester for Evergreen Forest Products, will discuss the role of the SC Tree Farm Committee and the importance of forest certifications. He will also discuss the importance of being involved in the SC Tree Farm Committee from an industry perspective.

**5:30 pm**

**Adjourn**

**6:30 pm**

**Friday Evening Networking and Social Event**  
*Evening with the Fireflies!*

Young Professionals will meet at Segra Park for an evening watching the Columbia Fireflies take on the Charleston Riverdogs! Dinner will be provided as a buffet meal at the picnic pavilion and guests are encouraged to bring their families for a fun night under the ball park lights. (Includes game tickets, buffet dinner, drink ticket, and Fireflies hat)

**9:00 pm**

**End of Social**



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