

Growing Forward- The Next Chapter

April 7-9, 2026

Hilton Lexington/Downtown, Lexington, KY



Growing Kentucky's Forest, Supplying the World

KFIA ANNUAL MEETING EXHIBITOR INFORMATION

The Annual Meeting of the Kentucky Forest Industries Association (KFIA) will be held at the Hilton Lexington/Downtown in Lexington, Kentucky, on **April 7, 8, and 9, 2026**. The theme of the meeting will be **Growing Forward - The Next Chapter**. Our industry has been through some challenging times, and through it all, KFIA continues to work with many partners to address the issues facing our members and the hardwood industry. KFIA has been a voice for our membership for over 60 years, and with continued support, we will remain ready to assist when and where we are needed.

The agenda for the meeting will emphasize partnerships, community, and collective progress in forestry and related industries, along with updates on initiatives established to support both workforce development and market promotion. We will discuss legislative action taking place at the state and national levels. The meeting will feature a number of activities, including a Welcome Reception for early arrivals and a golf outing on Tuesday. Wednesday and Thursday mornings will include speakers on topics of importance to the industry. On Wednesday, a luncheon and afternoon hospitality social time will provide plenty of opportunities to meet attendees. The exhibit area will be open throughout the meeting, with a number of activities to allow exhibitors to meet with potential contacts.

Please join us for a chance to meet with hardwood industry owners and operators throughout Kentucky and the region.

- *Tabletop exhibit fee covers registration for four people, one draped table, two chairs, Welcome Reception on Tuesday, KFIA/Tree Farm Awards Luncheon on Wednesday, and all breaks.* Additional exhibition staff or spouses can attend for a charge of \$150.00 per person. **The exhibit fee is \$500.00 for KFIA Members and \$650.00 for non-members.** *Non-member fee includes a one-year membership to the association.* Spaces are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis with limited space available. Please return the Exhibitor Agreement to the KFIA office as soon as possible. To have your company name listed in the meeting program, we must receive your form by March 20. **Please note: Platinum & Gold Club Members can have an exhibition at the Annual Meeting at no charge.**
- Electricity will be available at no charge but you should bring your own extension cords. Wi-Fi is also available in the exhibit area.
- Set-up starts after 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 7; exhibits should be in place by 5:30 pm Tuesday, April 7; we will have a Welcome Reception starting at 5:30 pm. The Exhibit area will be open for the duration of the meeting
- Teardown after 12:00 pm on Thursday; exhibits must be removed by 2:00 pm.
- All exhibitors and meeting attendees are encouraged to participate in the **John C. Smith Memorial Golf** outing at The University Club of Kentucky, Lexington, KY, on April 7 with a tee time at 9:00 a.m. If you are unable to play golf, we invite your company to be a sponsor for the beverage cart and or lunch or a Hole Sponsor. All sponsors will be recognized at the outing and meeting.
- **Door Prizes & Silent Auction Items:** We encourage companies to provide door prizes to be used for the meeting and the golf outing. You may want to provide a prize even if you are unable to set up an exhibit. Your company will be recognized in the KFIA newsletter. Items are also needed for the silent auction that benefits the Kentucky Tree Farm Committee.

The Hilton Lexington/Downtown (369 West Vine Street, Lexington, KY 40507), **call direct on 859-231-9000**; you are responsible for making your own room reservations and should do so as soon as possible. **Our group rate is \$162.00/night.** Our reservation block will be released on **March 07, 2026**. You may also use this link to make online reservations.

<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/kfia2026annualmeeting/>

KFIA 2025 ANNUAL MEETING – April 7–9, 2026
Hilton Lexington/Downtown – Lexington, KY
EXHIBITORS AGREEMENT



COMPANY: _____

CONTACT: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

(CITY) (STATE) (ZIP)

PHONE: () _____ Email address: _____
(confirmation for exhibit space will be sent by Email)

Names Of Exhibit Staff (up to 4) for Name Badges.

Additional Exhibit Staff for name badges. Cost is \$150.00 per additional sales person or spouse

Exhibit Fee (\$500 members, \$650 - non Members,) \$150 per additional person or spouse if more than 4 attending

My exhibit will need electricity. Please mark if you need electric (no additional charge).

Number attending awards lunch. KFIA and the Tree Farm Committee will host the Annual awards lunch on Wednesday, April 8. Cost is included in exhibit fee. Keynote speaker: Jeff Shepherd, Family Wealth Group

Golf (Tuesday, April 7) _____ (# of players) x \$80 per person.

Golf Scramble **Hole Sponsor**. Include \$100 for sponsorship.

Optional Tour: Keeneland Race Track - Grandstand seating \$20/person. **Ticket is prepurchase only!**

Meeting Sponsorship is also available: \$1,000, \$500, \$350, \$150. All sponsors are greatly appreciated and will be recognized at the meeting and in promotional materials.

\$ _____ **TOTAL AMOUNT DUE**

Agreement should be in the KFIA office by March 20, 2026 to be included in the meeting program. Space is limited and will be assigned on a first received basis. Your check confirms your space.

NO REFUNDS AFTER MARCH 20

PLEASE REMIT TO:

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Tel: 502/695-3979

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Email: Michele@kfia.org

Credit Card Information: Supported Cards: Visa MasterCard American Express Discover
(a 3.0% convenience fee will be charged on all credit transactions)

Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Amount Charged \$ _____ CVV/CID # (on back of card – 3 digits): _____

Billing Zip Code _____ Exact Name on card: _____

2026 MEETING AGENDA (subject to change)

Tuesday, April 7

- 9:00 a.m.** - On Site Registration Begins & Exhibitor Set-up
- 8:00 a.m.** - John C. Smith Memorial Golf Registration, The University Club of KY
- 9:00 a.m.** - Golf Scramble Tee off
- 3:00 p.m.** - KFIA Board Members Meeting
- 5:30 p.m.** - Welcome Reception with Golf Scramble Results in the Exhibit Area



Wednesday, April 8

- 7:00 a.m.** - Fellowship of Christian Lumbermen Prayer Meeting
- 8:00 a.m.** - Registration & Breakfast in Exhibit Area - Exhibit Area Open
- 9:00 a.m.** - Welcome - Opening Session
- 9:15 a.m.** - State Legislative Update
- 9:30 a.m.** - National Legislative Update & Real American Hardwood Promotion
- 10:00 a.m.** - Wood Innovation Grant Information
- 10:45 a.m.** - KY Distillers Association
- 11:15 a.m.** - Houchens Insurance Group
- 12:00 a.m.** - KFIA/Tree Farm Awards Luncheon, KFIA Business Meeting - Election of Officers & Awards Presented - Keynote Speaker - Jeff Shepherd, Family Wealth Group
- 2:00 p.m.** - Break Out Session - Family Wealth Group
- 2:00 p.m.** - SFI Committee Meeting – Open to Everyone Main topic: SFI Projects and Certification Update
- 3:00 p.m.** - Robinson Lumber Co./ Houchens Insurance Group Hospitality Suite
- 6:00 p.m.** - Open Evening

Thursday, April 3

- 8:00 a.m.** - Registration & Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m.** - Welcome - General Session
- 9:15 a.m.** - Dept. of Agriculture Commissioner - Johnathan Shell
- 10:00 a.m.** - KY Dept. of Forestry Director - Brandon Howard
- 10:30 a.m.** - KFIA Cooperage / Stave Member Update
- 11:00 a.m.** - Speaker TBD
- 11:30 a.m.** - Meeting Adjourns
- 12:30 p.m.** – Optional Tour - Keeneland Please contact the KFIA office if you are planning to attend. **Tickets will be prepurchase.**