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#### Register Now for State TREASURE Forest Conference

If you are a TREASURE Forest Landowner, or if you would just like to learn more about the program and how you can improve the management of your forestland, this is for you. On October 6-7, 2005 landowners from around the state will gather at Auburn University for the 22nd Annual Alabama Landowner and TREASURE Forest Conference. The Conference will be held at the Auburn Hotel and Conference Center and will include both indoor educational sessions as well as an educational tour of a nearby TREASURE Forest. The registration fee is \$75 if postmarked before September 30th.

Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. and the buses will depart the motel at 10:00 a.m. for a tour of the new Auburn School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences Building. Then at 11:30 a.m. the buses will leave for the forestry tour on the property of former Alabama Chief Justice, C. C. "Bo" Torbert. Topics to be covered include: forestry herbicides, pond management, controlling invasive plants, mulching machine demonstration and more. A banquet has been planned for that evening to present awards and recognize outstanding forestry planning committees and TREASURE Forest landowners. The next morning will be all indoor session on a variety of topics including, wood bowl carving, forest biorefinery, quail initiatives, and others. There will also be a silent auction of a lot of great donated items from artwork, to birdhouses, to outdoor equipment.

This is a great program and wonderful opportunity to visit with other forest landowners and forestry professionals. For registration forms, contact the Coosa County Extension Office (256) 377-4713 or call Fran Whitaker with the Alabama Forestry Association at (334) 265-8733 or go online at <http://www.alaforestry.org/>