Women and Their Woods Educational Retreat

September 11th-13th, 2026

Programs and Presenters



Species Identification and Forest Ecology with Alicia Hanson

Alicia's program will include a short indoor presentation followed by a Forest Ecology/Species Identification walk along the trails at Lukan's Farm Resort, where participants will learn to identify trees and other plants while exploring the ecology of the forest around them.

Alicia is the Forestry/ACAP Specialist at the Wayne County Conservation District. She originally joined the Conservation District in 2024 as a Resource Conservationist.



Chainsaw Safety - The Game of Logging with Kevin Snyder

Kevin's program will cover the importance of personal protective equipment (PPE), chainsaw safety features, proper chainsaw handling, and common bad habits to avoid when operating a chainsaw. Participants will also learn the five-step Tree Felling Plan and have the opportunity to practice a Bore Cut, while Kevin demonstrates proper tree-felling techniques. If time allows, a few participants will have the opportunity to fell a tree.

Kevin has been logging for 42 years and has been a Game of Logging instructor for 21 years. Before becoming an instructor, he competed in Game of Logging competitions, winning six regional championships and becoming the first two-time Game of Logging National Champion. In 2010, he received the Forest Resource Association's Appalachian Region Logger of the Year Award. In 2023, Kevin and his wife, Tammi, received the Northeastern Loggers Association's Outstanding Contributions to Safety Award.



Invasive Plant ID and Control with Kimberly Bohn

Kimberly's program will introduce participants to common herbaceous and woody invasive plants in Pennsylvania, including key features for identifying them, ecological characteristics, and the habitats where they are most likely to invade. Participants will have an opportunity to practice identifying invasive species during an outdoor session, as well as learn about options for controlling invasive plants, including biological, mechanical, and chemical methods and the best times of year for management.

Kimberly Bohn is a Forest Projects Specialist with the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, where she coordinates the Pennsylvania Woodlands Resilience Enhancement Network, a forest landowner cost-share program. Prior to joining the Alliance, she taught forest health, silviculture, and other courses in the Forest Technology program at Penn State Mont Alto and worked with Penn State Extension on forestry and invasive species management. She began her career at the University of Florida, teaching natural resource conservation and conducting invasive plant management research. She holds graduate degrees in Forest Resources and Management from the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry.



Deer Herd Management with Devin Schappert

Devin's program will explore practical approaches to managing deer herds on your land. Participants will learn how to assess herd size, develop strategies to meet their management goals, and measure key indicators of herd health.

Devin Schappert has been immersed in the outdoors from a young age. He earned a bachelor's degree in Forest Management from Penn State in 2015 and has worked with the Pennsylvania Game Commission and as a private lands forester for the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. For the past nine years, he has managed the lands of Blooming Grove Hunting & Fishing Club. Devin is a Pennsylvania Certified Prescribed Burn Manager and has completed professional-level deer management courses through the National Deer Association.



Creating Wildlife Habitat with Austin Noguera

Austin's program will explore ways to create and improve wildlife habitat on your property. Participants will learn about common species of interest and their ecological needs throughout their lives, as well as practical strategies for creating habitat to support them. If time allows, the group will take a short walk to assess areas on site and discuss ways to improve their habitat potential.

Austin Noguera is a Service Forester with the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Delaware State Forest, where he works with private landowners, communities, and the public to share forestry information and promote the value and benefits of forests. His experience includes forest management, forest health, recreation, wildland fire, and other areas of forestry. He holds a bachelor's degree in Forest Ecosystem Management from Penn State, with a minor in Geographic Information Science (GIS), and is currently enrolled in a graduate program at Auburn University. Austin is an ISA Certified Arborist and a Certified Forester through the Society of American Foresters.

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