The 2012 Tri-State Forest Stewardship Conference is scheduled for Saturday, March 10, 2012 at the Sinsinawa Mound Conference Center, Sinsinawa, WI.

This annual conference, now in its 18th year, attracts 450-600 woodland landowners from the Tri-State area of Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin and beyond. Last year these landowners represented over 45,000 acres in six states and 80% are active in their own management. Please consider sharing your products, organizations, and expertise with Tri-State Conference participants this year.

All exhibitors who register on or before February 6th, 2012 will pay an “early bird” registration fee of $60, exhibitors registering after February 6th will pay $75. Complete registration form along with a check (made out to ISU Forestry Extension) must be postmarked on or before February 28, 2012 with no exceptions.

The Exhibitor Fee includes: one continental breakfast, one luncheon meal, morning break refreshments, a conference materials packet and exhibit space (one 8-foot table or equivalent floor space). When completing registration, please be sure to indicate whether or not you need an electrical outlet, if you need a wall behind your display and also your lunch choice. At this time, internet service is not available in the Exhibitor area. If more than one person will represent your company/organization, each additional person will need to register as an “Adult Participant” at a cost of 40 dollars.

Please be aware that Conference participants will spend the majority of their day attending educational program sessions but in the past there are always people milling around in the exhibitors hall. In general, conference attendees will be free to view exhibits during the following times:

- 7:30-9:00 am (conference check-in and continental breakfast)
- 11:45 am-12:15 pm (scheduled morning break)
- 1:15-2:30 pm (luncheon break)
- during the 15-minute breaks between concurrent sessions
- After the last session of the day on Saturday

And lastly…Participants love door prizes that so many of you have supplied in the past. I hope we can count on your continued support in donating these items and services. When you register, you will be asked to indicate whether or not you can supply a door prize. We will confirm your door prize(s) with you during your registration check in. We will be handing out a receipt to the lucky winners on Saturday morning and they will have to come to the individual vendors to claim their door prize.

If you have questions or need additional information, contact me via phone (515) 294-1168 or by e-mail at randallj@iastate.edu. I look forward to seeing you in March!

Sincerely,

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