

Admission Requirements

To be admitted to this program, you should be entering your junior or senior year in high school and have a genuine interest in any of the aspects of natural resource management. You should be willing to work on a team and you must have a C (2.0) or higher GPA.

A Word to Teachers and Guidance Counselors

Many high school students have the curiosity to become scientists but never have the opportunity to develop those interests. You may know students who would qualify for this program and would have a sincere interest in participating. This program has also been a successful “stepping stone” for Envirothon competition. Please pass this information along to them. It could make all the difference in their future.

How to Apply

Complete the attached application. Include a letter of recommendation from your high school teacher, guidance counselor or principal and a non-refundable check or money order for \$50.

Deadline: April 28, 2023

Fees: The total fee for the Kentucky Forest Leadership Program is \$500 (including the \$50 non-refundable application fee). This amount covers all programming costs and room and meals.

Acceptance: Enrollment is limited. Up to two applications per county will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. The absolute deadline is April 28, but get your application in early so you will have a better chance of getting your first option. If you are admitted to the program, you will be sent maps and lists of materials necessary for the program.

Cancellation

The University of Kentucky may cancel or postpone this program due to insufficient enrollment or other unforeseen circumstances. If the program is canceled or postponed, the Kentucky Forestry Council will refund all fees but cannot be responsible for unrelated costs assumed by the student.

Scholarships: For more information concerning scholarships, contact your local conservation distrist or Mark Davis (markj.davis@ky.gov) of the Kentucky Division of Conservation. Or check out other scholarship options on the programs website <https://kflp.ca.uky.edu/>

Transportation: You are responsible for your own transportation to and from the U.K. Robinson Forest.

First Day Activities

Room assignments begin at 3 p.m. on Sunday, June 4, 2023. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. Please try to arrive between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.

There is limited enrollment so register early!

Registration Deadline: April 28, 2023



For More Information Contact:

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Or go to the Kentucky Forest Leadership Program website:  
<https://kflp.ca.uky.edu/>



Statements from past participants and parents about the Kentucky Forest Leadership Program.

“Forestry is more than trees; every part of the forest works together.”

“One thing I will do as result of participating in this program is to consider forestry and natural resources as college degree options.”

“Teamwork! A group with a common goal can achieve just about anything.”

“An important idea I will take home from this experience is how important our forests and their management is to our future.”

“I wish it was longer than one week!”



Educational programs of Kentucky Cooperative Extension serve all people regardless of race, color, age, sex, religion, disability, or national origin.

Application- Kentucky Forest Leadership Program

This form may be duplicated for additional applicants. Please print or type and return to the address below by April 28, 2023.

Due to limited enrollment in each option, list them (1-3) in order of preference. If your first option is full, then you will be placed in the next available option.

\_\_\_ Forestry \_\_\_ Entomology \_\_\_ Wildlife

Student's Last Name

Student's First Name

Home address (street and/or box number)

City State Zip

Parent /Guardian's E-mail address

Parent /Guardian's Area Code/Daytime Phone County

Age: \_\_\_ ☐ Male ☐ Female

T-shirt size (adult): \_\_\_ S \_\_\_ M \_\_\_ L \_\_\_ XL \_\_\_ XXL

☐ I understand that this is not a recreational summer camp and that I will be expected to fully participate as a team member in the daily activities.

Student's Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Registration Deadline: April 28, 2023

Mail to:

Laurie Thomas, Department of Forestry  
218 University of Kentucky  
Lexington, Kentucky 40546-0073

Include:

Letter of reference

Non-refundable check or money order for \$50.

Make checks payable to: Kentucky Forestry Council



The Kentucky Forest Council's

# Kentucky Forest Leadership Program



For high school students

**June 4 - 9, 2023**

University of Kentucky  
Robinson Forest  
(near Hazard, KY)

*Through the cooperation of:*

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION



Are you interested in the environment and want to know more about forests, trees, insects, water and wildlife, in short, Kentucky's natural resources? Then consider becoming a part of the Kentucky Forest Leadership Program and explore the many aspects of forestry and related fields. If you like hands-on learning as well as developing your leadership skills, this program will be one you won't forget.

The Kentucky Forest Leadership Program offers three different educational tracks: Forestry, Entomology and Wildlife. While choosing a track provides you the opportunity to experience a concentrated program, the three tracks will work together just like real-life natural resources experts throughout the week. So, if you want to learn about Kentucky's forests, but are seriously interested in insects or wildlife you will get the opportunity to experience a concentrated program in entomology or wildlife while also learning about the forest.

Learning *how* to think  
not *what* to think



## How You Will Spend the Week

The leadership program is not a recreational summer camp. You can expect to be busy with a full schedule of hands-on forestry and natural resources activities for the week, including:

- Forestry – students enrolled in this option will learn about tree and plant identification, forest evaluation and management, soil and water quality evaluation and fire management in Kentucky forests.
- Entomology – students enrolled in this option will learn about insect identification, collection, preservation and ecology, and the impacts of insects on Kentucky forests.
- Wildlife – students enrolled in this option will gain experience with different techniques to sample, identify and manage wildlife as well as conducting species diversity and population surveys in various Kentucky habitats.

## The Instructing Team

The instructors and advisors are trained forestry and natural resource professionals from the University of Kentucky's Departments of Forestry, Entomology and Natural Resource and Environmental Sciences, UK Cooperative Extension Service, KY Division of Forestry, KY Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources as well as the KY Division of Conservation.

## The Facilities

The leadership program takes place in a forest setting at the University of Kentucky's Robinson Forest

<https://robinsonforest.ca.uky.edu/>.

Students will be housed in the cabins situated at the

Robinson Forest Camp with a dining hall, classrooms and bathhouse.

