



Join us for the first ever Tennessee FFA Rockin' Around the Forestry Virtual 5K in partnership with the Tennessee Division of Forestry. We're raising awareness of the forestry industry in Tennessee, while supporting the Tennessee FFA Forestry Career Development Event.

Tennessee exports \$343.7 million in forestry goods and accounts for 98,000 jobs. The Forestry CDE helps prepare members for a potential career in this industry, which is so crucial to our state. Gather your family this Christmas season and join us (virtually) anywhere and anytime between December 20-27. Whether you're at a beautiful Tennessee State Park, in the pasture or around your neighborhood, support Tennessee FFA and take in the beauty of Tennessee's forests!

### Event Details

Run or walk a 5K (3.1 miles) at the location and time of your choosing between **December 20-27**. Not a runner, but love Tennessee FFA, forests and t-shirts? Sign up for a No-K to support the Tennessee FFA and forestry industry. All ages are welcome.

Price: \$35 (Includes Race T-shirt and other goodies provided by TN Division of Forestry); \$15 (Ages 12 and under)

Registration: Registration ends December 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 p.m. CST; Find the registration link at <https://tnffa.org/foundation> under Helpful Links.

Once you've completed your 5K, upload your time at the link provided after you register. Submitted times are based on the honor system, and participant assumes all risks in this self-coordinated, remote event. This race has no setup, chip-timing, or specific on-site location. Participants are asked to observe CDC guidelines in regards to COVID-19.

The fastest time in each of the following divisions will receive a commemorative Rockin' Around the Forestry trophy.

- Future FFA Member (12 and under)
- FFA Member (ages 13-21)
- FFA Supporter (ages 21-45)
- FFA Legacy (45 and up)

A trophy will also be given to the organization (FFA chapter, company, etc.) with the most participants.

Proceeds from this event will benefit the Tennessee FFA Forestry CDE. This event requires students to demonstrate their skills in diagnosing forest disorders, managing forests and forest inventory and applying approved silviculture practices. Participation in the event offers students experience relevant to a career choice in forestry and natural resources.

We hope that you will join us as we celebrate the Tennessee Forestry industry and Tennessee FFA!

For questions, please contact Tennessee FFA Foundation at [tnffaoundation@tnffa.org](mailto:tnffaoundation@tnffa.org) or call 931-372-6050.



## About the Division of Forestry

Tennessee's forests cover 14 million acres (52 percent) of the state. Our forests provide a number of benefits including beauty, wildlife habitat, timber production, recreation, air and water quality, energy conservation, carbon sequestration, enhanced property values, storm water control and natural heritage. They face significant threats in the form of wildfire, insects and disease, improper management and urban expansion.

The Tennessee Division of Forestry extinguishes more than 2,500 fires that burn each year and helps control the disease and insect pests that plague our forests. Since trees provide energy savings and storm water reduction as well as scenic beauty, the division is also promoting the benefits of urban forestry.

## Forestry Industry Quick Facts

- 52% of Tennessee is covered in forest.
- Of the 14 million acres of Tennessee forest, 83,4% is privately owned, 10% is federally owned and 6.6% is state/locally owned.
- Oak-hickory dominate forested TN acres at 9.9 million.
- Tennessee is one of the top 3 hardwood lumber-producing states in the U.S.
- More than 120 tree species exist in Tennessee.
- Forestry accounts for 3.5% of the state's economy.
- Forestry employs more than 98,000 Tennesseans.
- Forestry generated \$24.3 billion in outputs.
- In 2017, exports of Tennessee forest products, furniture and related products outside the U.S. totaled \$343.7 million.
- In order to help prevent the spread of invasive insect or disease, firewood should be obtained near the location you intend to burn it.

**Questions about the Tennessee Division of Forestry of the forestry industry? Learn more at <https://www.tn.gov/agriculture/forests.html>**