

SAF MEETING
October 24, 2005

MINUTES

(Comments organized by topic)

Report on the SAF National Convention in Fort Worth, TX

Good times were had by all.

Mike was left in the airport during a layover

The ESF Quizbowl team bested at least 50% of the challengers and did especially well in the silviculture category

Thanks to ESF-SAF for convention scholarships

By some counts there were between 300 and 400 students at the Convention.

Also, great exposure to job opportunities at all levels in all sectors including private, local, state and federal positions. Good networking opportunities. Very insightful question sessions.

Nan and others had good conversation with Craig Vollmer, NYS-SAF Chapter President about ESF student involvement in the NYS-SAF meeting in January.

It's also worth noting that ESF had very good representation of women foresters.

Next year's convention is in Pittsburgh, close enough for high ESF-SAF attendance.

In the mean time, consider joining one of the SAF working groups to learn more about a specific topic and interact with professional foresters.

Volunteers Needed

Stephen Harris of Cornell Cooperative Extension is looking for volunteers for tree planting on any or all of the following dates: November 12. Please look at your calendars and decide what is the best day for you to volunteer and at the next meeting we will coordinate and ESF-SAF effort. No details yet about exactly where the planting will take place but it is likely to be local.

Outer Comstock Neighborhood Association planting will take place on Sunday, 11/13/05.

Please stay tuned to the listserv for more details about these events.

The Greatest Good

Mike Tripodi brought up the idea of hosting a showing of "The Greatest Good" in cooperation with the campus based Forest Service Office. The film highlights the history of the US Forest Service. If you would like to help out with this effort, please contact Mike.

Other issues

We still need to organize a guest speaker for this semester. Forward ideas to Nan.

Lise and Mike are leading the effort to design and print a t-shirt for ESF-SAF fundraising.

Starting in November, we will be discussing the ESF-SAF Field Days, which will take place Spring 2006.