

**REGISTRATION FORM
Required for all Participants**

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Phone (day) _____ (evening) _____

E-mail Address: _____

Special dietary needs: _____

Other special needs, if any: _____

Where you teach/work? _____

Grade(s) you teach: _____

Please list the name of another teacher with whom you would like to share a room, and mail both registration forms together.

Roommate's name: _____

(Please write a "1" next to your selected tour. If filled, and you want to take an alternative tour, write a "2" next to your second choice.)

____ **Tour #1 –The Birches Resort on Moosehead Lake
July 11 - 14**

____ **Tour #2 – Camp Wapiti: Gateway to Baxter State Park and
The County July 25-28**

Please enclose a check for \$105.00 if before April 28, or \$115.00 if after April 28, for each reservation, made payable to the Maine TREE Foundation. A refund will *only* be made when notice of cancellation is received by Maine TREE at least 30 days before your selected tour date and there is a \$10 non-refundable administrative fee applied. For more information, call the Maine TREE Foundation office at (207) 621-9872.

**Mail this registration form and check(s) by April 28 to
Maine TREE Foundation
PO Box 5470, Augusta, ME 04332**

**Register for the 2017
Forests of Maine
Summer Teachers' Tours
Today!**

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**The Maine TREE Foundation and Maine
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**2017 Forests of Maine
Teachers' Tours**

**4-Day Tours of Maine's Forests & Mills
Our 20th Year of Offering These Tours**

**TOUR #1 – JULY 11 – 14
THE BIRCHES ON MOOSEHEAD LAKE**

**TOUR #2 – JULY 25 – 28
CAMP WAPITI: GATEWAY TO BAXTER
STATE PARK AND THE COUNTY**

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FORESTS OF MAINE TEACHERS TOURS

- Changes in Forestry and changes in education – Discover and discuss them in the Maine woods.
- Each tour will combine math, science, technology, language arts and Social Studies with current information about forest practices, up-to-date technology and promising research into new products.
- Designed primarily for high school and middle school teachers, the Tours are adaptable for all grade levels. Preference will be given to two-teacher teams from the same school in case of over-subscription.
- Project Learning Tree's nationally acclaimed environmental education curriculum is the framework for learning more about the importance of Maine's forests.
- A PLT facilitator, industry or consulting forester, landowner and state forester will accompany each Tour. There will be lots of opportunity for discussion and Q & A in the field, on the bus and over meals.
- Participants will complete a Project Learning Tree workshop that includes training in curriculum materials with links to the STEM and the Common Core Standards. Many additional materials about Maine forests will be made available.
- Each participant will be certified as a Project Learning Tree Teacher and be eligible for certification of contact hours plus, for an additional fee of \$20.00, 3.0 CEU's upon completion of the Tour.
- We will visit a variety of renewable energy facilities on both tours, encompassing wood in familiar and more recent technologies.
- Maine Tree will cover all but \$105 of tour-related expenses, including overnight accommodations, air-conditioned motor coach travel, your selection of meals, appetizers and beverages, plus natural resource publications and other teaching materials. Your \$105 registration fee will help us defray some of these expenses.

WHEN YOU PARTICIPATE IN OUR TOURS, YOU CAN LOOK FORWARD TO:

- A stimulating time with interesting people at a beautiful location in the Maine woods. You'll start at 1 p.m. on Tuesday with a Project Learning Tree workshop, and finish by 11:00 a.m. on Friday with time for discussion, teacher presentations and evaluations.
- Good meals and facilities at fine Maine lodges, with time to socialize and to discuss information and issues relating to Maine's forests. With all three nights spent in one location, minimal time will be needed for traveling, unpacking and packing.
- Travel to woodland and mill destinations via air-conditioned motor coaches, equipped with toilet facilities and television monitors for viewing videos on forestry and forest issues.

WHAT SOME EDUCATORS HAVE TOLD US ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCE

"I went on a Teachers' Tour last year and it was a brilliant combination of learning, working, having fun, and meeting colleagues. We went deep into the woods to meet with loggers, forestry scientists, conservationists, (wind) energy specialists and pulp mill operators. I learned a lot about forestry practices, use of math and science, and economic development and had fun doing it, all at an extremely affordable price."

"The Teachers' Tour was outstanding. The outdoor experiences, guest speakers, lodging, meals, every aspect was more than I expected. The woods industry, culture, people and personal experiences will all be carried back into the classrooms in many different ways. Thank you again for a top notch experience and all the resources. All professional development should be as well designed as these tours."

"The Maine Forest Teachers' Tour has been one of the most valuable professional development programs I have encountered in my career. The wide spectrum of people involved in teaching us about the rich resources of the Maine woods was incredible. Seeing the work in action continues to inspire me and encourage me to find ways to get the kids in my school out into the woods...."

TOUR #1, JULY 11 – 14 THE BIRCHES RESORT ON MOOSEHEAD LAKE

Our first Tour will be based at The Birches Resort on Moosehead Lake (www.birches.com) from July 11-14. The Tour will feature visits to active timber harvests and manufacturing plants in the Moosehead Lake area. There will be a tour of a maple sugar operation and a tree farm. We'll visit a vernal pool in the area and see a chainsaw felling demonstration by Certified Logging Professionals. We'll hear about the North Maine Woods organization, which maintains roads and campsites in the 3,500,000-acre area. A Maine State Forester will be with us on the Tour.

Academic credits (undergraduate or graduate) are available through Dr. William Livingston, Associate Director of Undergraduate Programs, School of Forest Resources, University of Maine, Orono. The course is SFR 605 – Forest Biology Problems. Interested teachers should contact him directly for details: williaml@maine.edu.

TOUR #2, JULY 25 – 28 CAMP WAPITI: GATEWAY TO BAXTER STATE PARK AND THE COUNTY

The Second Tour of the summer will be based at Camp Wapiti (www.campwapitiadventures.com) on Davis Pond, which has a great view of Mt Katahdin, from July 25-28. During the Tour, we'll take a guided walk on the interpretive trail in Baxter State Park's Scientific Management Area and enjoy a visit to the Patten Lumbermen's Museum and a bean supper there. We'll observe harvesting operations on both days and visit a tree farm, modern manufacturing plants in the area and possibly a wind farm. A Maine State Forester will accompany us on the Tour.