

2026 Ohio SAF Winter Meeting

March 24-25, 2026

8:30am – 3:30pm

ODA Headquarters – Bromfield Auditorium

8995 E. Main Street

Reynoldsburg, OH 43068



**SOCIETY OF
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FORESTERS**
OHIO

SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, MARCH 24TH

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER/AFFILIATION
8:30am – 9:00am	Arrival & Refreshments	
9:00am – 9:15am	Opening Remarks	Katie Gerber - OSAF Chair
9:15am – 10:00am	Division of Forestry Update	Dan Balser – Chief, <i>ODNR Division of Forestry</i>
10:00am – 10:15am	Ohio Forest Tax Law Update	Jeremy Scherf – Ohio Forest Tax Law Program Coordinator, <i>ODNR Division of Forestry</i>
10:15am – 10:45am	Wayne National Forest Update	Will Dienst – Staff Officer, <i>U.S.F.S. Wayne National Forest</i>
10:45am – 11:00am	BREAK	
11:00am – 12:00pm	US Forest Service Elm and Ash Resistance Breeding Research	Mary Mason – Geneticist, Kathleen Knight, Ph.D. – Research Ecologist, Leila Wilson, Ph. D. – Research Ecologist, <i>USFS Northern Research Station</i>
12:00pm – 1:00pm	LUNCH	
1:00pm – 1:45pm	Taking on Ticks with Prescribed Fire in Ohio's Forests	Julia DeFeo, Ph.D. – Assistant Professor of Silviculture and Forest Ecology, <i>The Ohio State University</i>
1:45pm – 2:00pm	BREAK	
2:00pm – 2:45pm	What Tree-Rings from Ohio's Old Growth Can Tell Us About the Past	Greg Wiles, Ph.D. – Ross K. Shoolroy Chair of Natural Resources, <i>The College of Wooster</i>
2:45pm – 3:30pm	Ohio Invasive Plants Council History and Updates	Carrie Morrow – Urban Forestry Administrator, <i>ODNR Division of Forestry</i>

See you tomorrow!

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9:00am – 9:15am	Opening Remarks	Katie Gerber - OSAF Chair
9:15am – 10:00am	Ohio Forestry Association Update	Jenna Reese – Executive Director, <i>Ohio Forestry Association</i>
10:00am – 10:45am	Regulatory Pest News, Outreach & Laboratory Diagnostics in Ohio	Colette Gabriel – Laboratory Scientist, <i>Ohio Department of Agriculture Division of Plant Health</i>
10:45am – 11:00am	BREAK	
11:00am – 11:30am	Student Chapter Updates	
11:30am – 12:00pm	SAF National Update	Ryan Armbrust, <i>SAF District 9 Representative</i>
12:00pm – 1:00pm	LUNCH	
<i>Get your bids in - silent auction ends at 1:00pm!</i>		
1:00pm – 2:30pm	OSAF Business Meeting & Awards	OSAF Executive Committee & Attendees
2:30pm – 2:45pm	BREAK	
2:45pm – 3:30pm	Ticks: Hidden Hazards of the Forest Floor	Risa Pesapane – Associate Professor and Director, Buckeye Tick Test, <i>The Ohio State University</i>
<i>Safe travels home!</i>		

*****Schedule subject to minor changes. We are applying for SAF and ISA Continuing Education Credits for the meeting.*****