



The Chattahoochee Chapter of the Society of American Foresters: Walk in the Forest Field Day at Stone Mountain Park

Project Overview

The Chattahoochee Chapter of the [Society of American Foresters](#) received \$2,500 in 2011 for its Walk in the Forest Field Day at Stone Mountain Park for Metropolitan Atlanta Scout Troops.

The Chattahoochee Chapter educated Boy and Girl Scouts about the benefits of and careers in forestry through the Walk in the Forest Field Day, which was open to all Boy and Girl Scout Troops in the Metropolitan Atlanta region. It provided an opportunity for youth to learn about the forestry profession and the SFI program in a region of Georgia that does not have much exposure to the benefits of forestry.

The one-day event allowed Troop Leaders to have a "one-stop shop" to help the Scouts earn, or come close to earning, a Forestry Merit badge. Volunteers staffed eight educational stations and guided each group from station to station.

Supporting the SFI Standard

This grant supports SFI 2010-2014 Standard Objective 17: Community Involvement in the Practice of Sustainable Forestry, including Performance Measure 17.2 requiring that program participants support and promote public outreach, education and involvement related to sustainable forestry management. It will also support Objective 6: Protection of Special Sites and Objective 18: Public Land Management Responsibilities.

Project Partners

In addition to the Chattahoochee Chapter Society of American Foresters, partners included Forest Investment Associates; Georgia Forestry Association; Georgia-Pacific; CellFor; Plum Creek; International Forest Company; Regions Morgan Keegan & Company; Timberland Investment Resources; Well Real Estate Funds; Georgia Forestry Commission; Georgia Urban Forest Council; Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources at the University of Georgia; Georgia SFI Implementation Committee.

About The Society of American Foresters

The Chattahoochee Chapter is part of the Georgia Division of the [Society of American Foresters](#), the national scientific and educational organization representing the forestry profession in the United States. The mission of the Society of American Foresters is to advance the science, education, technology, and practice of forestry; to enhance the competency of its

members; to establish professional excellence; and, to use the knowledge, skills, and conservation ethic of the profession to ensure the continued health and use of forest ecosystems and the present and future availability of forest resources to benefit society. Members include natural resource professionals in public and private settings, researchers, CEOs, administrators, educators, and students.