AGENDA - 2026 Alabama Urban Forestry Association Annual Conference

Thursday, October 15 - Orange Beach Hampton Inn, 25518 Perdido Beach Blvd, 36561

A.M. Combined Sessions

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
8:00 - 8:20	Welcome / AUFA Annual Report	AUFA Council & Executive Director
8:20 - 9:20	IVM and Technology, Presented by LineIntel	Matthew Kirk & Barry Hammond, LineIntel
9:20 - 10:20	Perceived, Actual, & Assessed Risk Associated with Trees	Dr. Ryan Klein, University of Florida, Assistant Professor, Arboriculture
10:20 - 10:30	***BREAK***	
10:30 - 11:30	Fraud Lies and Hermes Ties	Aaron Beam, co-founder of HealthSouth, Author, Speaker
11:30 – 11:45	ANSI Z133 Updates	Brian Pope, Expert Tree Academy
11:45 – 12:30	***LUNCH (provided)***	

P.M. Combined Sessions

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
12:30 – 1:30	The Role of Public Gardens in Urban Forestry	Harvey Cotten, Garden writer, Designer, Consultant
1:30 - 2:30	Starting the Consultation Right: How to Guide Clients Toward Good Tree Care Decisions	Apollo O'Neil, O'Neil's Tree Service
2:30 - 2:40	***BREAK***	
2:40 – 3:25	What OSHA Looks for in Tree Services	Randy Easterling, UA Safe State
3:25 - 4:35	Ethics for Foresters, Arborists, & People Who Love Trees	Butch Bailey, Mississippi State University, Extension Forester
4:35 - 4:40	ISA Points & Survey	
4:40	***ADJOURN***	
5:30	***Please join us for the AUFA Annual Conference Closing Reception!***	

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Friday, October 16- A.M. Outdoor Demonstrations

Location: Wolf Creek Park, 9575 Wolf Creek Ridge, Elberta, AL 36530

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
8:00 – 9:00	The Importance of Proactive Tree Care/ Managing Architecture on Mature Trees	Dr. Ryan Klein, University of Florida, Assistant Professor, Arboriculture
9:00 – 9:45	Native Plants and Trees in the Landscape and their Pollinator Impact. Pests affecting Urban Forestry.	Harvey Cotten, Garden writer, Designer, Consultant
9:45 -10:00	***BREAK***	
10:00 -11:00	The Next Generation of Chainsaw Protection: What's Changing and Why It Matters	Brian Pope, Expert Tree Academy
11:00 –12:00	Live-Tree Applications Redirecting Harmful Client Requests in the Field	Apollo O'Neil, O'Neil's Tree Service
12:00	***ADJOURN!!!!***	