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## 2017 Virginia Fencing School Agenda

- 8:00 – 8:25      **Registration** – (\$30 per person paid in advance) (*includes lunch and materials*)
- 8:25 – 8:30      Welcome and Overview of the Day
- 8:30 – 8:45      **Fence Economics and an Overview of Virginia Fence Law**
- 8:45 – 9:15      **Fence Construction Basics**, *Lewis Sapp and Billy White, Stay-Tuff Fence*
- Overview of fence types and needs for different species
  - Perimeter fences vs. cross fences
  - Fencing options on rented farms
  - Proper brace construction
  - Line posts and fence construction
- 9:15 – 9:45      **Electric Fencing Basics**, *Lewis Sapp and Billy White, Stay-Tuff Fence*
- Proper energizer selection and grounding
  - Proper high tensile fence construction and wire insulation
  - Electric offset wires for non-electric fences
  - Underground wires and jumper wires
  - Electric fence and energizer troubleshooting
- 9:45 – 10:00      **Selecting the Best Wood Fencing Products** - *Nathan Kline, Madison Wood Preservers*
- 10:00 – 10:15      **Break and travel to fence building site**
- 10:30 – 12:00      **Hands-on Fence Building Basics (split into three groups)**
- Group 1: H-brace construction, *Billy White, Stay-Tuff Fence* (30 minutes)
  - Group 2: Safety, fence layout, and post driving demo, *Rusty and Brian Tanner, Tanner Fencing and Extreme Post Drives* (30 minutes)
  - Group 3: Knot tying, splices, and insulator installation, *Lewis Sapp, Stay-Tuff Fence* (30 minutes)
- 12:00 – 1:00      **Lunch and Visit with Sponsors**
- 1:00 – 4:30      **Hands-on Fence Building (return to fence building site and split into two groups)**
- Group 1: Installation of Stay-Tuff Fixed Knot Fence, *Lewis Sapp, Stay-Tuff Fence* (1.5 hours)
  - Group 2: Installation of Stay-Tuff Smooth High Tensile Fencing, *Billy White, Stay-Tuff Fence* (1.5 hours)
- 4:30 – 5:00      **Questions and wrap-up**

**Please dress appropriately for the weather and bring gloves,  
the class will be outside most of the day.**

More information is available at [www.vaforges.org](http://www.vaforges.org) or by email [makenny@vt.edu](mailto:makenny@vt.edu).

## Locations and Directions

**March 22, 2017 – Patrick County** – Dobyns Community Center, 1195 Rye Cove Creek Road, Stuart, VA 24171. **Directions:** From East or West of Stuart: Take 58 to Stuart, Take SECOND Stuart Exit (Patrick Henry Community College Exit), At end of ramp, turn south onto St Rd 1025-Woods Brothers Drive, Go through stop light at funeral home, Take 2nd hard top road on the right (Dobyns Rd), Take Dobyns Rd approx. 3 miles, Turn right onto Rye Cove Creek Road, Take Rye Cove Creek Road approx 1.2 miles, Dobyns Community Center is on your left. **Local contact - Travis Bunn (276) 694-3341**

**March 29, 2017 – Tazewell County** – Thompson Valley Community Center, 8925 Thompson Valley Road, Tazewell, VA 24651. **Directions:** Take US Route 460 to Pisgah and turn in at the Crab Orchard Museum on to U.S. Route 19 Business. Continue for 1.8 miles to Route 16, at Frog Level, take a right on to Route 16 South 1.7 miles to Thompson Valley Market. Turn right on Route 604 and the Community Center is located on the right behind the Thompson Valley Fire Department. **Local contact - John Blankenship (276) 988-0405**

**April 5, 2017 – Clarke County** - John H. Enders Vol Fire Department, 9 South Buckmarsh St. Berryville VA 22611. **Directions:** From Rt. 7 Harry Byrd Hwy, turn south on Rt. 340 N Buckmarsh St. The John H. Enders Vol Fire Department will be just past West Main Street on South Buckmarsh Street. **Local Contact - Tait Golightly (540) 450-6388**

**April 12, 2017 - Rockbridge County** – Beck-n-Rich Farm, Richard & Becky Clemmer, 76 Pleasant Valley Rd. Raphine, VA 24472. **Directions:** From I-81, Take exit 200 and go east on Sterrett Road for 0.2 mi, Take US-11 N to Rt 797 (Pleasant Valley Rd.), turn left on Pleasant Valley Rd, dead-ends at shop. **Local Contact - Matt Booher (540) 245-5750**

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**Program Registration - REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Post Marked by MARCH 15<sup>th</sup> Please no phone calls to register.**

**Location attending (please check)**

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March 29, 2017 – Tazewell County

April 5, 2017 – Clarke County

April 12, 2017 - Rockbridge County

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street City State Zip*

Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Fee: \$30.00 per attendee paid in advance includes lunch and all materials**

**Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Please make check payable to “VFGC”**

**Mail Check AND Completed Registration Form by March 15<sup>th</sup> to:  
VFGC**

**Attention: Margaret Kenny  
3599 Indian Oak Road  
Crewe, VA 23930**

If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in this activity, please contact David Fiske at (540) 377-2255 during business hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to discuss accommodations 5 days prior to the event.