

Alabama's Longleaf Pine: A Closer Look

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Get ready to learn more about the majestic longleaf pine and its important role in our state's history. Once covering 92 million acres of our nation's southeast, this forest is now found on only 3 million acres. Participants will spend 3.5 days at the Solon Dixon Forestry Education Center, amid 5,300 acres of forests, swamps, springs, and river frontage. Hear from Rhett Johnson, the cofounder and president of the Longleaf Alliance, Inc. and co-author of *Longleaf, Far as the Eye Can See*; Roger Reid, author of the children's novel *Longleaf* and writer, director, and producer of the award-winning TV series *Discovering Alabama*; and Renee Raney, author of *Hairy, Scary, but Mostly Merry Fairies*. Participants will participate in hands-on activities, field trips, and receive numerous classroom resources that will equip them to lead celebrations for Alabama's 200th birthday in their schools and classrooms.