

# SAMAB'S 15th Annual Conference

November 16-18, 2004

Holiday Inn-SunSpree, Gatlinburg, Tennessee

## *Quality of Life in the Southern Appalachians: Sustainability through Stewardship and Cooperation*

Join your colleagues and neighbors—stewards of the region's resources—to explore community and agency activities that preserve the quality of life in Southern Appalachia.

### Conference Topics

- Protecting and restoring native ecosystems
- Achieving responsible economic, land, and transportation development
- Protecting aquatic resources in a changing landscape
- Air quality impacts, solutions, and responsibilities
- Human impacts on ecosystem processes
- Natural resource inventories in the southern Appalachians
- Exotic pests and disease introductions in the southern Appalachians: preventing accidental transport
- Invasive plants: Where do we stand in the southern Appalachians?
- Science-based management through ecological research
- Public involvement in resource management: perceptions and practice

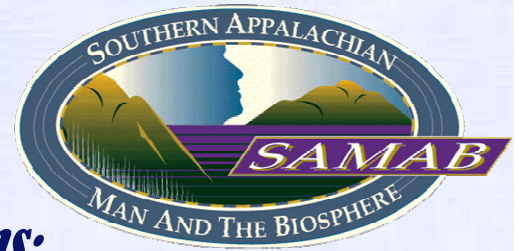
### Call for Abstracts

Send an abstract of your proposed short talk, poster, panel discussion, workshop, or film/video presentation by September 29, 2004 to:

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Southern Appalachia is one of America's unique cultural, biological, and physical landscapes, offering cherished natural beauty and vibrant culture. Natural settings, including our many national forests, Great Smoky Mountains National Park, and the Blue Ridge Parkway, make up the largest public land holding in the eastern United States. The beauty and biodiversity of these lands draw millions of visitors and an increasing number of new residents each year. Welcoming new people brings new opportunities for economic development and the resulting pressure upon the landscape and its residents.

To reduce impacts on the quality of life, both human and natural, many people in government, academia, industry and the public have united as stewards not only of the landscape, but also of the way of life for all who love and appreciate this wondrous place.

We focus this year's SAMAB conference on how all involved can unite in their particular stewardship to not only preserve but also to improve the 'Quality of Life in the Southern Appalachians.'

*Briane Adams and Mike Jenkins,  
2004 SAMAB Conference Co-Chairs*

### Coming soon to the SAMAB website

Session, field trip, workshop, and registration information will be made available at [www.samab.org](http://www.samab.org) as it develops.

Hotel reservations:

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