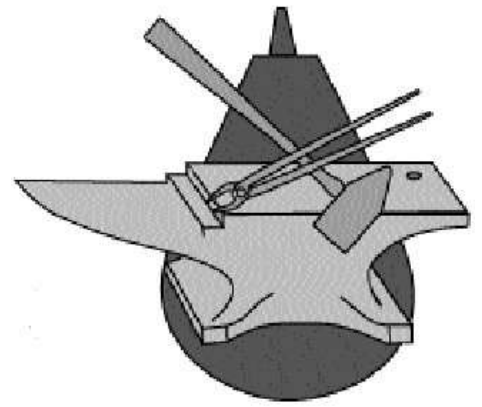


Alabama Forge Council



Proudly Presents The
33nd Annual AFC Blacksmithing Conference

September 6th 7th 8th & 9th 2018

Tannehill State Park
McCalla, AL

Featured Demonstrators

Terry Sheridan

With

Justin Brown

Family Activities

Show & Tell

Beginners Classes

Iron Art Auction

Iron-In-The-Hat and tool box drawing

Tailgate Sale Tables (In designated sale area only)

2018 Demonstrators

Terry Sheridan

Bio: Terry Sheridan

Terry is a self-employed machinist, welder and blacksmith from Collingwood, Ontario, Canada.

Most of his work is for the heavy construction machine industry, as well as the local ski resort industry. At his business, most of his forging is for industrial applications. Gas forges and power hammers are used at the machine shop. His passion; however, is at home using a coal forge and simple tools to create historically correct items from centuries past, including adzes, axes, chisels, knives and fry pans, to name a few.

Terry had demonstrated for the Batson Blade Symposium before and his forging ability was astounding. His teaching techniques will be open up a lot of minds to the way hand forged items can be made

(Terry's demonstration will be at the Vulcan Pavilion.)

Justin Brown

Bio- Justin Brown

I'm Justin Brown (31) and I've been blacksmithing for about 12 years now. I started with the Phenix City forge group under then Forgemaster Ronnie Lee. In 2008 I was elected Forgemaster and have enjoyed teaching at the Ft. Mitchell historic fort ever since. My demonstration will focus on pieces involving multiple forge welds. Multiple types of welds and different techniques to achieve them. Different twisted handle with welded collars scarfing, fire management, and forge weld theory. This will be a great demo for the beginner all the way through our seasoned and experienced Blacksmiths.

(Justin's demonstration will be at the Forge Pavilion.)

Family Program

Pre-Registration is recommended! Classes will fill-up fast. Don't miss out.

The minimum age is 16 years; younger ONLY if accompanied by an adult. We are sorry for any inconvenience, but the adult must stay with the youth during the entire class.

Each class is limited to ensure personal attention.

All classes are beginner level with no experience needed or required!!!

Easy Acrylic Painting – Instructor: Cyndi Hestle

I've been painting at the conferences since 2008. This time we'll be painting "The Old Rugged Cross". It's a pre-printed pattern on a music sheet background. All you have to do is paint inside the lines!! It's very easy to finish and beautiful when framed! Join me for a fun and relaxed class.

All supplies will be furnished.

8 students per class. Cost is \$10 each.

Thur-- 1-4 pm

Fri morn--- none

Fri---1-4 pm

Sat--8:30-11:30 am

Copper Pencil Cup – Instructor: Jeff Mosley **(THIS CLASS MAY CHANGE)**

Workshop Description This class will be a small pencil cup and an introduction to hammered copper texture! You will create texture on the copper using hammers, punches and chisels. You will also solder a bottom onto the cup and use various power tools to finish the project! Tools will be furnished, You MUST bring SAFETY GLASSES.

Cost for each student is \$40.00. Each class is limited to SIX (6) students ONLY. Register early

Class Fee; \$40 per class *** (THIS CLASS MAY CHANGE) *******

Dutch Oven Cooking classes– Instructor: Denise Howard

Cast iron cooking became popular in the 1800's. Meals were cooked in a fireplace or on the hearth. Pots with handles could be hung over the fire and pots with short legs could be placed over hot coals near the fire. Today we can use camp dutch ovens with coals or charcoal and cook in the same manner.

If you've been to our conference the last couple years you may have seen my setup and me cooking there. For these classes I'll be using charcoal. We'll talk about what pieces are best for what cooking purposes, how to care for cast iron, how to regulate heat using charcoal etc. Classes will be a demo type where I'll cook a meal as we talk. Anyone who pays for the class can eat the completed meal.

Friday class: 9-12ish

I'll be doing a breakfast/brunch menu with homemade biscuits, a hearty

casserole of potatoes, ham, onions, peppers and cheese as well as an undecided side dish.

Saturday 9-12ish

I'll be cooking a chicken dish with potatoes and carrots, a green bean dish, bread and dessert. (The menus could vary slightly)

As I will only purchase enough food for those registered in advance, please sign up early so I can plan on food amounts. Waiting until you get there to sign up could leave you without a spot.

There is a minimum of 5 and a max of 10 students for each class. Each class is \$25 per each person attending.

Green Coal with Tony Holliday

The AFC has teaching stations available for hands-on instruction by accomplished blacksmith and one of the AFC's founding members Tony Holliday. If you are just getting started in blacksmithing, here is your chance to learn the basics from one of the best the AFC has to offer. A specific curriculum has been set for the students.

Class fee \$15 per student. 6 Students per class max. A specific area will be set aside for this class.

Friday Night Blast

Bring your hammer; Our Friday Nigh Blast contest will be nail making with an added challenge. The rules are simple. We will give you a rod and you will make as many USABLE nails as possible in a pre-set amount of time. I will explain the extra twist to the contest on the evening of the event. This will be a great time for all, please consider participating. Prizes will be awarded!!!

The Auction

Your donated items for the auction are very much appreciated. The auction proceeds are where the AFC generates its income to offer blacksmithing scholarships and to host the free workshops each year. The conference fees pay for putting on the conference but the auction is how we continue to provide the activities that further the art and craft of blacksmithing. Our auctioneer this year is Col. Anthony Goodrum. Remember, this is a charity auction, bid generously. **This year will also give out door prizes during the Auction.**

KEEP YOU I.I.T.H. TICKETS

If you cannot attend we welcome your donations. Please send them to:

Raymond Head – AFC - Auction

138 Cone Lane

Wetumpka, AL 36093

The AFC is in need of donations of tools for the Tool Box, please be generous!!!

Iron-in-the-Hat & Tool Box Drawing

This year the AFC will be conducting iron-in-the-hat & Tool Box Drawing to help raise funds for our educational programs. Tickets are \$1 each, 6 for \$5, and 25 for \$20. Two drawings will be held for items donated and the centerpiece is a blacksmith's toolbox. Any items for the general iron-in-the-hat or tools for the toolbox would be greatly appreciated. **AFTER THE DRAWING, DO NOT THROUGH OUT YOUR TICKETS! SAVE THEM FOR THE DOOR PRIZE DRAWING DURING THE AUCTION**

Please send iron-in-the-hat donations (if you cannot attend) to:
Raymond Head – AFC - I I T H
138 Cone Lane
Wetumpka, AL 36093

Tailgate Sale Tables

This year the conference will open on Thursday for tailgate sales. This day has been set aside for the buying and selling of tools and equipment at your leisure.

Special note: Unless you are selling directly from your camper please set up all sells tables in the designated area only. If you have any questions please contact Raymond Head for assistances.

This is for the privacy and safety of your fellow campers.

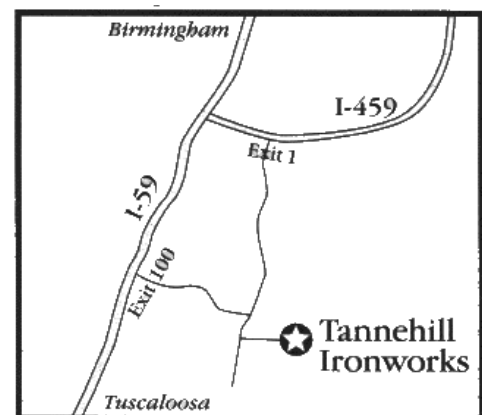
This year the AFC will have a very limited amount of coal for sale in 50 pound bags. The price will be \$17.00 per bag at the Park with all of the proceeds going to our building fund. If you need coal get it while you can. It might be several years in the future before the AFC makes another bulk coal Purchas.

Registration

Gate entry will begin **Wednesday (September 6th)** afternoon. Pre-registered attendees pay \$60 and **AFC membership is required;** AFC dues are \$25 per year and include 6 issues of the Bituminous Bits. **Registration at the conference will be \$70 plus membership for 3-days and \$40 plus membership for 1-day, per person. Again AFC membership is required** *Those attending the demonstrations or are setting up tailgate sales are required to pay the conference fee. Family members or temporary visitors need only sign the release and obtain a badge for TEMPORARY entry into the conference area. Family members, of a registered conference participant, attending family program classes only, are not required to pay the full conference fee. **If you take up space at a blacksmith demo you must pay the conference fee.***

Location

Tannehill State Park is located approximately 25 miles southwest of Birmingham. Take Exit 100 from I-59/20 and go east about 2 miles to the park or take Exit 1 from I-459 and go south about 7 miles, the park entrance will be on your right. The conference will be held in Farley Field at the extreme northern end of the park.



The blacksmithing demonstrations will be in the Forge and the_Vulcan Pavilions. Plenty of bleacher and chair seating are available. The family and children's programs will be held in nearby tents and pavilions.

Lodging

Camping

Tannehill is one of the premier camping sites in the state. Campsites are available at the Tannehill Ironworks near the demonstration site on Mill Creek. Improved (water and electricity) sites, primitive camping and cabins are available. Check-in at the country store. For reservations and information, call the park at 205-477-5711 or <http://www.tannehill.org>

Conference attendees are responsible for their own camping fee's

BE AWARE!

No Alcoholic Beverages are allowed at Tannehill Ironworks State Park

Hotels

Sleep Inn

1259 Greenmor Drive
AL-52 at exit 6 off I-459
205-424-0000

Best Western
5041 Academy Lane
Exit 108 off I-59/20
205-481-1950

Comfort Inn

5051 Academy Lane
Bessemer, AL 35022
(205) 428-3999

Wellesley Inn
11170 Will Walker Rd
Exit 89 I20/59
(205) 556-3606
(Across from Mercedes Plant)

Jameson Inn

5021 Academy Lane
Exit 108 off I-59/20
205-428-3194

Holiday Inn Express
5001 Academy Ln
Exit 108 off I-59/20
(205) 428-9972

For more information please contact: Raymond Head (e.m.forge@gmail.com)

Schedule of Events

Wednesday Sept 5th

Tail Gate Sales

Thursday Sept 6th

Registration & set-up

Tailgate Tool Sales (In designated sale area only)

1:00 to 4:00 PM

The Old Rugged Cross – Cyndi Hestle (Class location TBA)

Friday Sept. 7th

8:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Featured Demonstrator – Justin Brown - Forge Pavilion

Featured Demonstrator - Terry Sheridan - Vulcan Pavilion

Green Coal – up to 6 students

Copper – Jeff Mosley (Class location TBA)

Cast iron cooking - Denise Howard - Farley Field Pavilions time~9AM to~12PM

Break for Lunch

12:30 to 4:00 pm

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The Old Rugged Cross – Cyndi Hestle (Class location TBA)

Green Coal – up to 6 students

7:00 pm

Friday Night Blast - Forging Contest

Saturday Sept 8th

8:30 AM to 11:30 AM

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Copper – Jeff Mosley (Class location TBA)

Cast iron cooking - Denise Howard - Farley Field Pavilions time~9AM to~12PM

Break for Lunch

Board of Directors meeting during lunch time Saturday (Forge Pavilion).

12:30 to 4:00 pm

Featured Demonstrator – Justin Brown - Forge Pavilion

Featured Demonstrator - Terry Sheridan - Vulcan Pavilion

Green Coal – up to 6 students

4:30 Sharp

Iron-In-The-Hat – Auction - Awards Ceremony

Sunday Sept 9th

8:30 Am Until

Featured Demonstrator Terry Sheridan will be doing a brief demo and or a Q&A session.

Pack-up and clean-up the area **Please stay and help out.** Every hand will be appreciated!

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Please pre-register classes fill up quickly.
No shows will have their conference fee refunded minus any class fees.
Pre-registration must be received by Sept. 1, 2018

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE (____) _____ - _____

SIGNED _____ DATE _____

Blacksmithing is inherently a dangerous activity. You are responsible for yourself and your visitors for using eye, ear, respiratory, and other personal protective equipment as required and safe work methods. The Alabama Forge Council, its officers, demonstrators, writers, editor and members disclaim all responsibility and/or liability for any damages, injuries or destruction of property as a result of any information published in the Bituminous Bits or demonstrated at conferences or meetings. Every effort is made to insure the accuracy and safety of the information provided, but use thereof is solely at the users own risk. By requesting or renewing membership or attendance at conferences or meetings, you are stating you agree with this release.

Additional Name Tags:

Mail This Form and Payment to:

Tannehill 2018
111 Yorkshire Drive
Athens, AL 35613
Or call card info to Judd Clem – 256-232-2645

Schedule of Fees

All Weekend: Member Advance = \$60 Onsite registration = \$70
Non-Member Advance = \$85 Onsite registration is \$95 \$ _____

One Day Only: Fri. Sat. Sun.
Member Advance = \$40 Onsite registration = \$45
Non-Member Advance = \$65 Onsite registration = \$70 \$ _____

Membership Renewal: _____ Years \$25/yr \$ _____
(Qty) (Attendee Names)

Thur. PM Classes
_____ Painting (w) Cyndi Hestle (\$10) \$ _____

Fri AM Classes (Mark 1st & 2nd Choices in case your 1st choice is full)
_____ Green Coal (\$15) \$ _____
_____ Cast iron cooking (\$25) \$ _____
_____ Copper (\$40) \$ _____

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Sat AM Classes (Mark 1st & 2nd Choices in case your 1st choice is full)
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_____ Green Coal (\$15) \$ _____
_____ Cast iron cooking (\$25) \$ _____
_____ Copper (\$40) \$ _____

Sat PM Classes (Mark 1st & 2nd Choices in case your 1st choice is full)
_____ Green Coal (\$15) \$ _____

Total Fees Paid ----- \$ _____
(Make Checks Payable to Alabama Forge Council)

Visa/MC Accepted: _____ Exp. _____

Name on Card: _____

Signature: _____