

# **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **7<sup>th</sup> Annual Landowners Conference: “Income Opportunities from Your Land”**

### **Presented by Rural Action**

**When: June 3-5, 2005**

**Where: Camp Oty’Okwa in the scenic Hocking Hills region of Southeastern Ohio**

**Rural Action will present the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Landowners Conference on June 3-5, 2005 at Camp Oty’Okwa, located in the scenic Hocking Hills region of Southeast Ohio.**

**Scott Bagley, Rural Action’s Sustainable Forestry Program Coordinator, hopes that interested parties won’t miss out on this exciting opportunity! “People should mark their calendars now to attend this increasingly popular event in Southeastern Ohio for small farm and woodland owners who have an interest in new and better ways to utilize their land,” Bagley says. Last year’s conference was attended by over 200 with many of those returning from previous years.**

**Participants can come together with many well-known speakers and presenters to learn about innovative forest- and farm-based income opportunities such as growing medicinal herbs, new landowner forest management planning, stewardship, homestead planning, sustainable agriculture and getting to know your land. Additional conference sessions will cover conservation forestry and small business development topics for turning good ideas into income. Conference goers can also go on a variety of hikes to learn more about their land and the natural history of the region.**

**Pre-registration is required. A discount is available for members of Rural Action and participants who register early, by May 2.**

**Registration includes two nights lodging as well as meals and all workshop sessions.**

**Children 5-16 may attend for a reduced cost. There are work exchange positions available and a limited number of scholarships for qualifying individuals.**

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