A Small Investment Yields Landscape-Wide Results.

The success of the Association depends on the cooperative participation and support of the membership. For safe and effective burns, we rely on members to:

- Be present and assist on their own burns
- Attend at least one training day in the first year of membership
- Help on at least one burn each year on another member's property (Or pay a $100 fee to hire equivalent labor)
- Take responsibility for installation of suitable firebreaks
- Pay annual membership dues of $50, and $100 for your burn
- Provide proof of property liability insurance

Member Benefits

- Professional guidance and assistance with burn planning and preparation
- Training and access to specialized prescribed burn equipment
- Leadership and assistance on burns from experienced and well-trained crews
- Compliance with state and local regulations

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Fire as a Management Tool

Prescribed burning is a low-cost land management tool that is used to maintain native prairie, oak-hickory forest, old fields, barrens and other desirable vegetative communities. It improves habitat for wild turkey, quail, deer, and many other species of wildlife. This is not the first time our landscape has seen fire, however. Historical ecology tells us that the success of these native species depends on regular disturbance like fire – and the suppression of naturally occurring fires has negatively affected the species composition of our forests and prairies. The natural solution involves carefully reintroducing fire to the landscape.

Smoke on the horizon can mean a healthy habitat.

A Success Story for Landowners

The Southern Illinois Prescribed Burn Association is a partnership between private landowners, government agencies, and conservation groups who share the goal of using prescribed fire to restore native plant and wildlife habitat within the southernmost 11 counties of Illinois. SIPBA was designed to overcome liability concerns and provides training and equipment to crews of volunteers that assist their neighbors with prescribed burns on private land.

SIPBA was incorporated as a not-for-profit organization in 2006 and received a jumpstart with an Illinois Department of Natural Resources Conservation 2000 grant with support from Southern Illinois University. Currently, funds are provided by the US Forest Service and the National Wild Turkey Federation - in partnership with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Shawnee Resource Conservation and Development, and University of Illinois Extension.

Thanks to the success of SIPBA, landowners in Southern Illinois have the equipment, expertise, and assistance to safely and effectively conduct prescribed burns, restoring over 1000 acres of habitat each year. Visit us at www.sipba.org for more information.

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