

TREE FARM DAY FRIDAY JUNE 2nd, 2017

Tree Farm property of Jon and Donna Bieber, Lafayette and Sparta Twps., Sussex County, NJ and Managed Private and Public Lands, Sparta Mountains Region of Sussex County

Yet another outstanding day is planned for you all at the Tree Farm of Jon and Donna Bieber in Lafayette and Sparta Townships, Sussex County and at private and public lands in the Sparta Mountains Region. The Bieber Tree Farm has had a lot of activity over the past 10 years, and the forest management work on both public and private lands in the much talked about Sparta Mountain Region is very interesting and instructive. We will be able to see management of multi-aged forests, non-native plant management, management for game and non-game wildlife species, including some threatened and endangered species. We'll see young regenerating oak forests. You can learn how to identify some of our common forest health issues, including gypsy moth, hemlock woolly adelgid, fungal disorders in beech and birch, and decline in ash. Four different break-out sessions will be offered in two sessions in the morning, and we will board buses and spend the afternoon in the Sparta Mountains. The Bieber Tree Farm terrain is gently to moderately sloping, but good trails are in place. There could be a little off-trail walking, so be prepared! Buses to and from the Sparta Mountain site will be provided.

We will have our traditional presentation of awards to the Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year (OTFY) and the George Pierson Forest Steward of the Year during the lunch break; Tree ID contest with prizes for the winner, a raffle of a great Stihl product, and the "silent auction". Come share with us in celebrating the Tree Farm program in New Jersey and congratulating your peers for their outstanding achievements in forest resource management.

If you have an item to donate to our "silent auction" please contact Dennis Galway and/or bring it with you. We encourage you to mark Friday June 2nd, 2017 on your calendar and come out and see some more truly outstanding forest resource management and at the same time support your NJ Tree Farm Program. Plan to spend the entire day with your fellow tree farmers and forest conservationists having fun and learning new things about the forest and new ways to manage it!

Area attractions: Stokes State Forest, High Point, Swartswood, and Kittatinny Valley State Parks, Sparta Mountain Wildlife Management Area, Wallkill River Wildlife Refuge, canoeing or kayaking on the Delaware River and Swartswood Lake, hiking, birding, fishing, camping, & golf. Come enjoy a weekend getaway starting with Tree Farm Day! **You can register and pay online at the NJ Forestry Association website <http://njforestry.org/> or mail in the registration form included.**

Date: Friday June 2nd, 2017 (Rain or Shine)

Time: 8:30a.m. – 4:00p.m. (Registration & breakfast - 8:30-9:15 AM) - PLEASE TRY TO BE PROMPT

Place: Tree Farm of Jon and Donna Bieber, 53 Old Beaver Run Road, Lafayette, NJ 07848

Cost: \$30.00 for one and \$25.00 each additional person (kids under 18 free) - Healthy continental breakfast and lunch included.

Registration Deadline: Friday May 26th, 2017. If you have any questions please contact Dennis Galway, Chair @ 908-696-9133 or email at dgalwaydsl@verizon.net.

Hope to see you there !!!

John Sacco

Dennis Galway

State Forester

Chair, NJ Tree Committee

TREE FARM DAY MAIL-IN REGISTRATION (Print and mail with payment)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Cost \$30.00 for one and \$25.00 each additional person (Includes breakfast and lunch)

Attending: _____ Number of children attending under 18 (no cost) _____

Please make checks payable to NJ Tree Farm and send with this registration by 5/26/17 to

Christina Harrigan, P.O. Box 316, Far Hills, NJ 07931

Late registrations please call Dennis Galway, Chair @ 908-696-9133

Bring lawn chairs, camp chairs, or blankets for sitting

The Bieber Tree Farm is located on the east side of Old Beaver Run Road 1.1 miles north of the intersection of Old Beaver Run Road and State Route 94 in Lafayette Township, Sussex County. Mapquest or Google: 53 Old Beaver Run Road, Lafayette, NJ 07848.