**TREE FARM DAY FRIDAY JUNE 2nd, 2023**

**Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge**

 Yet another outstanding day is planned for you all at the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge in Basking Ridge & Harding Township, Somerset & Morris Counties, respectively. There are lots of habitat types our resource specialists can provide great information about and to help you understand how everything is interconnected. We will be able to see management of non-native invasive plants; prescribed burn areas; management for game and non-game wildlife species, including threatened and endangered species & if we are lucky we will see lots of wildlife! We’ll have a tour of a tree farm adjacent to the Great Swamp and other limited capacity tours during our usual concurrent sessions to give you choices and opportunity to attend sessions in both the morning and the afternoon. We hope to have the “Tree Whispers” back again. The Tree ID walk & contest will be part of the program. There will be service foresters of the New Jersey Forest Service (NJFS) including the State Forester, New Jersey Forest Fire Service and representatives from the Natural Resource & Conservation Service (NRCS) and other conservation organizations to help answer any questions about farmland assessment, specific practices of conservation, and cost-sharing programs.

 We will have our traditional presentation of awards to the recipients of the Ron Sheay NJ Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year (RSNJOTFY) and the George Pierson Forest Steward of the Year (GPFSOTY) during the lunch break; a 50-50 and a great prize raffle; and the “silent auction”.  Come on out and rekindle old relationships and make new ones with folks like yourselves taking care of NJ private forest lands. This year the NJ Tree Farm Program will be celebrating 77 years of tree farming in New Jersey at a great location. Come share with us in celebrating the forests, renewing relationships and making new ones and congratulating your peers for their outstanding achievements in sustainable 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, 2023 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 forests and new ways to manage the natural resources within them!

 Area attractions: Jockey Hollow, Fort Nonsense, Washington’s Headquarters and much more. Come enjoy a weekend getaway starting with Tree Farm Day! **You can register by filling out and mailing the enclosed registration form to Gracie & Harrigan Consultant Foresters, Inc at P.O. Box 492, Gladstone, NJ 07934 or pay online at the NJ Division Society of American Foresters website https://njforesters.org**

**Date:** Friday June 2nd, 2023 (This is a Rain or Shine event) – Due to food and drink purchasing & ordering obligations and other costs associated with this event including credit card fees **Refunds** after 5/25/2023 are not available. Continuing Education Credits for SAF & LTE are being requested and will be available.
**Time:** 8:30a.m. – 4:00p.m. (Registration & breakfast - 8:30-9:15 AM) - PLEASE TRY TO BE PROMPT
**Place:** Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge Helen C. Fenske Visitor Center at 32 Pleasant Plains Road.

**Cost:** $30.00 each person (kids under 18 free) - Healthy continental type breakfast and lunch included.

**Registration Deadline:** Friday May 26th, 2023.   If you have any questions or wish to register late please contact Dennis Galway, Chair This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it@ 908-696-9133 or email at dgalwaydsl@verizon.net. Hope to see you there!

Todd Wyckoff     Dennis Galway

State Forester Chair, NJ Tree Committee

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**TREE FARM DAY MAIL-IN REGISTRATION (please mail with payment or register online – Thank You!)**

**Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Cost $30.00 each person (Includes breakfast and lunch and water/drinks at breakfast & lunch & for the hikes/tours)\***

**# Attending: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** Number of children attending under 18 (no cost) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to NJ Tree Farm and send with this registration by 5/26/2023 to

Christina Harrigan, P.O. Box 492, Gladstone, NJ 07934

**Late registrations please call This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it Dennis Galway, Chair @ 908-696-9133**

**Bring lawn chairs, camp chairs, or blankets for sitting**

Helen C. Fenske Visitor Center at 32 Pleasant Plains Rd., Harding Township (or use Basking Ridge), NJ, at GPS coordinates 40° 43 ‘09.56″ N, 74° 31’ 32.38″ W - Map quest or Google:

There will be the green & white Tree Farm logo signs at the junctions of Lee Hill Road County Road 663 & Wood Duck Way & Wood Duck Way & Pleasant Plains Road pointing to the event

**Concurrent Sessions – The trails at Great swamp are level & short to moderate hikes. The side tours to the Tree Farm and some other session locations will have limited capacity vehicles to shuttle attendees to the sites and require sign-up. However, at the end of the event there will be time for you to visit these and other sites within the refuge on your own. The itinerary for con-current sessions will be available at the registration table.**

**If you have special diet concerns we do provide a minimum amount of vegetarian sandwiches and lettuce, tomato, onion, cheese fixings for the standard sandwiches (turkey, road beef or ham). We also provide plenty of organic fruit & juices, coffee, tea, spring water, donuts, bagels, cream cheese, butter, and margarine. If your diet doesn’t allow for any of these food items please let Dennis know and we will try to accommodate you or bring your special diet food. We always purchase organic or natural food and drink. We provide Truvia or similar product for tea & coffee and sugar free drinks.**

**\*This is a very special environment - Please recycle water/drink containers and other recyclable items in bins provided at the meeting site or other areas provided or bring home and recycle- Thank You!**

**Safe Travels!**