



American Tree Farm System®

TREE FARM DAY Thursday JUNE 6th, 2024

To be held at the Mercer County Rosedale Park in Pennington Township

That's right, you're not seeing things! This year due to circumstances beyond our control we were unable to find a location to host Tree Farm Day on a Friday. However, another outstanding day is planned for you all. At this park that is very involved in planting trees, especially along the stream course and lake to help limit pollution, the planting includes rafts where the roots of the plants are in the water and helping to remove pollutants. Wildlife management, Prescribed burning of meadows, and Non-Native Invasive Species (NNIS) control are all priorities. You can learn how to identify some of our common forest health issues, including Beech Leaf Disease (BLD) which is spreading like wildfire through the state. The different break-out sessions will be offered in the morning and afternoon, including visits to the different habitat and project areas. There will be resource specialists providing up-to-date information on wildlife management, NNIS control, how to apply and receive cost-sharing funds for the resource management practices recommended in your stewardship or woodland management plans, NJ Forest Fire Service (NJFFS) will be present with fire fighting equipment, free Smokey the Bear and other handouts, and information about prescribed burning and how to have a prescribed burn on your property. The NJ Forest Service Regional Foresters and State Forester will be in attendance and available for questions and updates on the "State of NJ Forests". And we hope to have the "Tree Whisperers" back again with their very interesting philosophy on communicating and taking care of your trees. The Tree Farm terrain is mostly level and there will be vans to transport folks to some of the project sites. The vans are limited capacity so there will be signup sheets for those sessions.

We will have our traditional presentation of awards of the Ron Sheay 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 prize raffle, 50-50, and the "silent auction". In addition, we will have Tree Farm apparel and other merchandise and some freebies. 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 **Thursday June 6th, 2024** 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, learning new things about the forest and new ways to nurture it and meet new friends or rekindle old friend relationships!

Area attractions: historic Frenchtown, Flemington, Lambertville, and Trenton; Washington Crossing State Park; Golden Nugget Flea Market; canoeing, kayaking, or fishing the Delaware River. Come enjoy a weekend getaway starting with Tree Farm Day! **You can register & pay online at njforesters.org/news or mail in the check made payable to NJ Tree Farm and registration form included to Chrissy Harrigan.**

Date: Thursday June 6th, 2024 (Rain or Shine)

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

Place: Rosedale Park, 424 Federal City Road, Pennington, NJ 08534

Cost: \$30.00 per person (kids under 18 free) - Healthy continental breakfast and brown bag lunch included. Vegetarian options will be provided. Please let us know if you would like a vegetarian option.

Registration Deadline: Friday May 31st, 2024. Walk-ins possible but **must register at the website listed above** or if after the registration deadline contact Dennis Galway to help ensure we have enough food for all attendees. If you have any questions please contact Dennis Galway, Chair @ 908-696-9133 or email at dgalwaydsl@verizon.net or Chrissy Harrigan, Treasurer at 908-781-6711 or email at chrissy@gracieharrigan.com.

Hope to see you there!!!

Todd Wykoff

State Forester

Dennis Galway

Chair, NJ Tree Committee

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Cost \$30.00 per person and kids under 18 free (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 to be received by 5/31/2024 to Christina Harrigan, P.O. Box 492, Gladstone, NJ 07934 or register online at njforesters.org/news

Late registrations must please call Dennis Galway, Chair @ 908-696-9133 – No refunds after 6/2/2024 as food orders will have been placed with caterer and other items purchased

We continue the tradition of asking attendees to please bring pictures of you on your tree farm or of The Tree Farm sign & identifying the tree farm, or pictures of previous TF Days to share. We will be posting them on a bulletin board near registration. Bring lawn chairs, camp chairs, or blankets for sitting. There is a covered pavilion with picnic tables if inclement weather and the park has restrooms near the pavilion. There will be TF signs with arrows directing you to the site on roads as you near the TF location.

The Rosedale Park entrance is located at 424 Federal City Road, Pennington, NJ 08534-GPS **MapQuest, Google, or GPS: 74.7609 & 40.3274**