

October 14

The Grey House at Wallace Lodge
29764 Aberdeen Road
Wagram, N.C.

Register by October 2

For more information,
call 919-917-8646 or email
nctreefarm@gmail.com

Bring your whole family
for a fun and
educational event!



Integrating Wildlife Habitat Into Your Land Management Goals and Objectives

2017 N.C. Tree Farm Program Annual Meeting



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At this year's Annual Meeting, the N.C. Tree Farm Program is partnering with the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission's Private Lands Program and N.C. Cooperative Extension to explore ways of Integrating Wildlife Habitat Into Your Land Management Goals and Objectives. Join us on October 14 for a tour of McKay Farms, an intensively managed Tree Farm in Scotland County whose owners have successfully implemented a multiple-resource management program balancing row crop production, timber management and wildlife habitat enhancement.

We will gather in the morning at The Grey House at Wallace Lodge (29764 Aberdeen Road, Wagram) to celebrate the accomplishments of Tree Farmers and volunteers as we recognize Tree Farm anniversaries, the 2017 Inspector of the Year and the 2017 Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year. Then we'll tour a portion of the 3,000-acre McKay Farms, which has been under continuous family ownership since the late 1700s. We'll learn how the McKays have cooperated across generations to balance the farm's profitability and enhancement of intrinsic value. After lunch, we encourage you to visit the nearby Lumber River State Park, which adjoins McKay Farms and was once part of this historic farm. The Lumber River is the only North Carolina black-water river to earn federal designation as a national wild and scenic river.

October 14 Itinerary

Please dress appropriately for the weather.

8:15 a.m.

Registration Opens

9:00 a.m.

Awards Presentation

- 25- and 50-Year Tree Farm Anniversary Recognition
- Inspector of the Year
- 2016 Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year

Overview of McKay Farms

The history of the McKay Farm including transition of ownership across generations and current management objectives.

10:30 a.m.

Tour Begins | Stops Include:

- The benefits of variable density and understory management to wildlife habitat; cost-share assistance programs that can help you achieve your management objectives; managing for high-priority species; how the Safe Harbor Program can protect your assets. — John Isenhour, N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission

- How to successfully establish and manage food plots; ways to enhance pollinator habitat as well as forest and field wildlife habitat for desired species; using online resources to improve habitat. — John Henry Harrelson, N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission
- Ways to select and work with timber buyers and/or loggers to enhance wildlife habitat during a harvest; how prescribed burning and herbicides can improve habitat and the health and productivity of your forest. — Jason Kiker, Kiker Resource Management
- Steps you can take to plan for transition of landownership to the next generation; how to conduct a successful family meeting; creating a team of resource professionals and understanding your conservation options. — Mark Megalos, NCSU Extension Forestry

Youth activities for 5-12 year olds offered during the tour.

12:45 p.m.

Lunch (pulled pork and grilled chicken)

1:45 p.m.

Optional Review of
Your Forest Management Plan



Photos by Melissa McGaw

Does Your Forest Management Plan Meet Tree Farm Certification Standards?

One of the requirements for Tree Farm certification is having a forest management plan that is up to date and addresses all of the required elements. At the Annual Meeting, we will have a few foresters available after lunch to review Tree Farmers' forest management plans to ensure that they meet American Tree Farm System standards for certification. (The foresters will not be writing management plans or addendums or giving forest management advice.) If you would like to have a forester review your plan at no charge, please sign up on the registration form. We will offer this service on a first-come, first-served basis to a limited number of Tree Farmers. So register early!

Corporate Supporters

(as of August 14, 2017)

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Individual Supporters

(as of August 14, 2017)

Legacy Tree

Bill and Sandy Berry

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Area Hotels

Comfort Inn

\$89 + tax

Reserve your room by
 Sept. 22 to get the group
 rate

(14 miles from event
 location)

1699 U.S. Hwy. 401 Bypass
 Laurinburg
 910-277-7788

Hampton Inn

\$129 + tax

No group rate
 (14 miles from event
 location)

115 Hampton Circle
 Laurinburg

910-277-1516

Things to Do

The annual **John Blue Cotton Festival** is Oct. 14-15 in nearby Laurinburg on the grounds of the historic John Blue House. This old-timey event features crafts, antique collections, hit-and-miss engines, entertainment, food and demonstrations of 19th century games and farming practices. Stick around after the Annual Meeting and enjoy the fun!

Registration Form

Deadline for registration is October 2.

You must pre-register to attend this event.

Registration is \$40 for adults and children 13 years old and older. Registration is \$15 for children ages 5 to 12. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. This event is not recommended for children younger than 5 years old.

Please print clearly.

Detach registration form and mail with check to:

N.C. Tree Farm Program
 1807 Dunwick Court
 Apex, NC 27523

Your name _____

Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

(Registration will be confirmed by email only.)

Make check payable to the N.C. Tree Farm Program.

Names of family members who will attend.

(Please include age for children.)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Please let us know if anyone in your party has special dietary requirements or difficulty standing/walking.

| Type of Registration | Amount | # Total |
|-------------------------------------|--|---------|
| Adult Registration (13+ years old) | \$40 | _____ |
| Child Registration (5-12 years old) | \$15 | _____ |
| Forest Management Plan Review | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | |