

**2017 On-Line Woodland Options Field Trip Agenda**  
**Saturday, August 26, 9:15 – 4**  
**Holiday Lake 4 H Educational Center**  
**Appomattox-Buckingham State Forest, Appomattox VA**

**9:15** Meet at Holiday Lake 4H Center in the State Forest – coffee and light breakfast

**9:30** Welcome/Sponsors/Introductions - Gagnon

**9:45** Background on the State Forest - Zaebst

**10:00** Field Skills (2.5 hours)

1. Tree identification – Peterson (60 minutes)
2. Compass and pacing – Gagnon, Vinson, Fisher (45 minutes)
3. Basic forest measurements – Gagnon, Vinson, Fisher (45 minutes)
  - a. Height (Biltmore sticks)
  - b. Diameter (d-tape, Biltmore sticks)
  - c. Age (increment borer)
  - d. Volume (Biltmore sticks)

**12:30** Lunch (provided)

**1:15** Forest Management Tour – Zaebst (2 hours)

1. Hardwoods –
  - a. Structure
  - b. Crop tree release/Timber stand improvement
  - c. Regeneration
2. Pine -
  - a. Thinning
  - b. Harvesting
  - c. Regeneration (seedling choices)
3. Best Management Practices – to include site preparation for planting and pre-harvest planning

**3:15** Return to 4H Center

**3:30** Open discussion (15 minutes)

1. What else do you want/need to know
2. On-line course suggestions
3. Future course topics?
4. Fall Forestry & Wildlife Field Tours

**3:45** Door prizes, evaluation and adjourn

✿ Lunch/snacks and beverages will be included; it will be hot and potentially buggy – please bring sun screen and bug spray; I will supply all necessary equipment (if you have your own equipment, please feel free to bring it)

✿ We will proceed rain or shine

✿ There are ticks and other bitey things in the woods, please dress appropriately

**Lodging options include camping, hotels and Bed & Breakfasts. There are several places in Appomattox and numerous places in Lynchburg. Or stay on-site at: Holiday Lake State Park: Camping - \$30**

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